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CLEARING A PATH

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A sidewalk-sized plow clears a route for pedestrians along Calgary's 5th Avenue flyover on Tuesday afternoon. Residents across the city were left digging out after a major snowstorm dumped as much as 20 centimetres in some areas. The weather also led to a spike in vehicle collisions. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Fight against Alta. bullies may get a boost

Target. Province aims to put revised Alberta Education Act, focusing on student abuse, into effect in 2015

Principals, teachers and administrators will soon be able to take the fight against bullying off school property and even into cyberspace if necessary.

That's because Alberta's revised Education Act, which was formally introduced in the legislature Tuesday, clarifies and grants new powers to intervene in cases of student mistreatment and also calls on individual Alberta boards to draft a code of conduct specifying what is unacceptable student behaviour and appropriate punishment.

"We've outlined the expectations for both students

and school boards to prevent bullying, (to) take action when it happens and protect children from the horrible consequences of bullying whether it happens in the schoolyard, on buses, or online," Education Minister Jeff Johnson said.

The suicide of a B.C. teen earlier this month has sparked a firestorm of discussion over how to best protect children from harmful physical, verbal and online abuse. Amanda Todd, 15, took her own life after years of torment from a sexual predator as well as a number of her peers.

Jonathan Teghtmeyer with the Alberta Teachers Association said while great in theory, a piece of legislation won't solve student bullying. Instead, he believes it comes down to building positive student-teacher relationships.

"Teachers are very much eager to do that work — they would rather do that work than

Changes applauded

Trustee representatives with both the Calgary Board of Education and Calgary Catholic School District were quick to applaud the new act, which also includes a new provision allowing students to finish high school up until age 21 and raises the minimum high-school dropout age from 16 to 17.

some of other stuff that school boards are asking of them," Teghtmeyer said.

Catholic School District trustee chair Mary Martin said she believes the community, as a whole, has taken a positive step to weed out bullying in all its forms.

"It's no longer OK to be a bystander," she said.

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Not making allowances

Premier keeping caucus at arm's length on transition pay

Premier Alison Redford is distancing herself from an attempt by some of her caucus members to try to bring back controversial transition allowances.

Redford was asked if she knew about the move ahead of time, but would only say committee members make their own decisions.

She reiterated that her government will not be bringing back transition allowances.

The payments proved to be a headache for the Tories last spring when taxpayers learned they'd be on the hook for \$10 million for retiring politicians.

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Beauchamp

Victim's family has its say at killer's hearing

The family of a Calgary businessman expressed anger and sadness at a sentencing hearing for one of the man's killers.

Jack Beauchamp's widow says her children's weddings and the arrival of grandchildren should have been happy moments, but the family lost the future they hoped for by not having him there. She finished by saying she will never believe that Robert Deer is innocent as he claims.

Deer was convicted of manslaughter last month for his part in the January 2006 shooting death of Beauchamp, who was a bank president at the time.

Co-accused Mohamed Karim's sentencing for second-degree murder has been delayed while lawyers look into his allegations of abuse while in custody.

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Drivers make their way through traffic during a snowy afternoon rush hour in downtown Calgary on Tuesday. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Snow frustrates drivers, collisions double

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More than twice as many vehicle collisions were reported to police on Tuesday than during the same period a week earlier, when snow and ice didn't blanket city streets.

"The weather has had some impact," Calgary Po-

lice Service Insp. Patty McCallum said Tuesday, as the afternoon rush hour wound down and snow had finally stopped falling across most of Calgary.

A heavy snowfall that began Monday night and lasted well into Tuesday morning led to long delays for commuters across the city.

McCallum said the collisions led to further delays, which led to more frustrated drivers, which, in turn, made additional collisions even more likely.

"You certainly get some people that accelerate to get around the accidents, and then that can cause problems for other drivers," she said.

Meanwhile, city crews were kept busy plowing and removing snow throughout the night and day.

While more than five

centimetres had accumulated in many parts of Calgary — the city's threshold for calling a snow-route parking ban — Jennifer Thompson-Goldberg with the city roads department said a ban ultimately wasn't necessary.

"That five centimetres is really just an approximation," she said, adding that "before the peak traffic hours, we were able to get the priority (roads) clean and clear for the morning commuters."

And while the snow seemed to catch many drivers off-guard, Thompson-Goldberg said city crews were well prepared to deal with it.

"Things from our perspective went pretty smoothly," she said. "We stuck to the plan and we were able to get all of our available equipment out there and running."

Tumultuous Tuesday

- Police received reports of 148 non-injury and eight injury collisions from midnight to 4 p.m. on Tuesday.
- That compares to 67 non-injury and five injury collisions during the same time on Tuesday last week.
- Those figures represent when collisions were reported to police and don't necessarily mean the crashes happened during those timeframes, though police say most collisions are reported same-day.

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Calgary police Sgt. Evel Kiez is captured on a cruiser-camera system now being equipped on every vehicle used by the service. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Police cruiser fleet all getting cameras

Advancement. Numerous other municipal police services have already adopted similar technology



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City police are getting rolling on a candid cruiser-camera crusade.

Sgt. Evel Kiez said the service hopes to install onboard cameras in each of its 250 cruisers by 2014 at a cost of \$2 million.

Once installed, the video devices will activate automatically any time a vehicle's flashing lights are turned on, and, as is policy, officers will be required to switch the system on during all interactions with the public, Kiez said.

He added the systems provide clear evidence for

potential court proceedings.

"We use a description — if a picture tells 1,000 words, a video tells one million words," Kiez said.

Speaking to Metro last year, Kiez was already in the process of testing a number of camera models. Police have now settled on the Panasonic Arbitrator 360, which comes complete with microphones worn on an officer's uniform that can pick up audio as far away as 1,000 feet.

Kiez said the systems also provide enhanced training opportunities for officers, who can review footage with senior members, and clearer evidence for oversight bodies, namely the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team.

Local traffic-ticket defence agent Charlie Pester said he's already represented clients caught on a police-cruiser camera.

"I actually think it's a good thing," he said Tuesday. "Sometimes it works out better for the client in

Details

- Along with the police-cruiser cameras, devices will also be attached to Calgary's HAWCS choppers.
- Video captured by the cameras will be stored securely for varying lengths of time, depending on the need for use of the footage by investigators, court and external oversight bodies, Sgt. Evel Kiez said.

the long run."

A police service representative told Metro earlier this month that the possibility of equipping officers with body cams is also being explored and a pilot project could be rolled out before year's end. Edmonton police recently announced they are attaching iPhone-sized video recorders to 20 downtown beat officers.

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XL Foods to ramp up production at plant

Tainted meat. CFIA lifts licence suspension at Brooks facility

Canada's food-safety watchdog has restored the operating licence for a southern Alberta meat-packing plant at the centre of a massive recall of tainted beef.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency says it has lifted its suspension of the licence for the XL Foods plant in Brooks.

"We are confident that all issues have been fully addressed," said CFIA spokesman Paul Mayers.

The agency says the plant will be allowed to "progressively resume" slaughter and meat-processing operations.

It says those operations will proceed under enhanced surveillance by food-safety officials and increased testing protocols.

"While we're confident that all food-safety controls are being implemented appropriately, we will take the added precaution of maintaining enhanced inspection at the XL Foods Inc., plant for the foreseeable future," Mayers told a

Test results

- The agency said last week that samples from meat processed as part of the inspection had come back free of E. coli.

news conference.

The agency says additional inspectors will stay at the plant to monitor procedures and ensure strengthened food-safety controls are being integrated.

"This enhanced oversight of the slaughter and processing operations will allow the CFIA to ensure that food-safety controls are being implemented consistently within ongoing daily operations."

The XL Foods plant has been closed since Sept. 27, the epicentre of an extensive beef recall fuelled by E. coli contamination that has rocked the industry as well as the agency, which is overseen by the federal government.

Millions of kilograms of meat have been returned to the plant from dozens of retailers across Canada and the United States, and the recalled beef is being dumped at a landfill. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Girls hit the ice with a hockey hero

Cassie Campbell-Pascall, two-time Olympic gold medalist with the Canadian women's hockey team, surprises the Okotoks Oilers Novice B girls hockey team at Tuesday's practice session. The Oilers were treated to Campbell-Pascall's visit as the first team to register for this year's Scotiabank Girls HockeyFest, taking place Nov. 4 at the Saddledome.

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McCann case

Date set for Vader hearing

The man accused in the murder of St. Albert couple Lyle and Marie McCann will face a preliminary hearing almost a year from now.

Travis Vader will face the hearing on two counts of first-degree murder starting Sept. 9 in Stony Plain. It will determine if there is enough evidence for a case to go to trial.

The McCanns have not been since July 2010. **METRO**

Sentencing

Probation issued for oil-firm threats

An Alberta woman who admitted to uttering threats against an oil-field company has been sentenced to a year of probation.

Kimberly Mildenstein pleaded guilty to the charge when she made a court appearance in Didsbury.

The 40-year-old woman from Sundre was charged after the Mounties got word in March of threats being made against NAL Resources and its workers. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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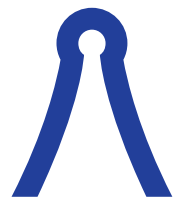
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Guinness record attempt. Have you got the moves like Michael?

This Halloween weekend Michael Jackson fans and zombie fans collide for a chance to set a new Guinness world record, along with other cities around the globe.

Calgarians are invited to come out in their authentic zombie costumes to help set the record for most people in the world doing the Thriller dance at the exact same time during Thrill the World, and will be joined by cities from across the planet in the endeavour.

All attendees are asked to bring a non-perishable food donation for the Calgary

Thrill the World

- **Where:** Oct. 27 at Eau Claire Market, Centre Court.
- **When:** Practice starts at 11 a.m., with the record attempt at 1 p.m. sharp.

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Similar events are being held in the U.S., U.K., Australia, France, Brazil and Russia. **METRO**

Trial by jury

Accused doctor in sex case to go it alone in court

A former psychiatrist charged with sexually abusing his court-appointed patients is acting as his own lawyer after firing his defence team Tuesday.

Court of Queen's Bench

Justice Donna Shelley told a jury of seven men and five women at Dr. Aubrey Levin's trial that he would be representing himself. "Dr. Levin has terminated their services," said Shelley. "It is his right to do so. He will defend himself."

Shelley cautioned the jury not to speculate about the move or to read anything into it.

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East Village unveils public art, new pedestrian route



This is just one section of a 33-metre-long mosaic wall that runs along Riverfront Lane, which flanks a new pedestrian route. **ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO**

Master plan. Project marks step toward making centrally planned community most walkable, liveable in downtown



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East Village developers officially opened a pedestrian-only street Tuesday while also unveiling a massive piece of public art that flanks the route — and holds a Canadian record.

"It's the largest free-stand-

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"This is a continuation of the vision that was established at the very beginning to create these access points to our beautiful river."

Ald. Druh Farrell, on Riverfront Lane

ing mosaic-tiled wall," said Susan Veres, vice-president of marketing and communications with the Calgary Municipal Land Corp. (CMLC).

The piece, by Calgary artist Ron Moppett, is more than 33 metres long and stands nearly four metres high.

It stands along Riverfront Lane, a 200-metre-long, 18-metre-wide route designed for pedestrians that connects 6th Avenue S.E. with Riverfront Avenue.

Ald. Druh Farrell, whose ward includes East Village, said the mosaic wall "humanizes" what was once a "hostile environment" adjacent to an LRT line. "It's a beautiful piece," Farrell said. "It's an intricate piece that translates beautifully close up and far away."

The \$510,000 piece was part of a \$6-million project to build the pedestrian street, Veres said.

With several condominium developments currently underway in East Village, Veres said the next step will be to attract retail developers, particularly those that have a specialty in urban-format retail.

New Mormon temple fosters unexpected community interaction

Calgary Mormons say curiosity over their massive new temple in the city's northwest has opened doors for dialogue with outside members of the local community.

From Sept. 29 to Oct. 20, 101,035 visitors took a tour of the Calgary Alberta LDS Temple in Royal Oak.

Temple recorder Bob Hamilton said many of those attending the series of open houses had little prior knowledge about the Mormon faith.

"It's a unique building — a spectacular building. I think people talked to their friends and word spread," he said. "There were people from all faiths."

A price tag for the temple has not been made public, but it contains many elegant design features, including a massive baptismal font and a Swarovski crystal chandelier.

But extravagance aside, community elder Stephane Trone seemed more interested in the community interaction fostered by the temple's unveiling.

"We are really excited and



The Calgary Alberta LDS Temple in Royal Oak can be seen from miles away. More than 100,000 people took time over the past few weeks to take a peek at the inside as well. **CONTRIBUTED**

happy about the temple being here and I guess that excitement spread over to helping our friends share in that excitement," he said.

The temple, the eighth of

its kind in Canada, will be formally dedicated this Sunday. Some 25,000 Calgary and area members are expected to frequent the venue.

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Tara and Jonathan Brown are seen with their son, Alexander, in a photo taken at Vermillion Lakes before the boy died as a result of a rare brain tumour. CONTRIBUTED

Alexander's Quest eases parents' grief

Breakthrough. Two-year anniversary of Calgary boy's death comes with hope new headway can be made in fight against rare brain cancer



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In his short life, Alexander Brown loved two things almost as much as his parents: water and balloons.

The youngster likely would have relished the opportunity to pay a visit to the Banff hot springs after being greeted by Tuesday's cool temperatures and snow, said his father Jonathan.

"It's a good day for the hot springs.... Alex just loved it," he said while visiting the Banff area with wife, Tara, Tuesday, exactly two years after their two-year-old son lost his life to a rare form of brain cancer.

The Browns also paid a visit to Vermillion Lakes, where they would frequently sit near the

shore with their son and take in the serene environment, far from hospital beds and radiation treatments.

On his birthday, the Browns make a point of releasing balloons into the sky, holding onto memories of a life that was taken far too soon. "He loved balloons, it's just another thing we like to do," Jonathan said, before adding, "Really, it doesn't get any easier."

But even in their grief, the Browns have attempted to forge some good. They established an organization in their son's name, Alexander's Quest, and on Tuesday made a donation to Calgary's Clark H. Smith Brain Tumour Centre. The money will go towards research on ETANTR (embryonal tumour with abundant neuropil and true rosettes), the cancer that killed their son.

ETANTR is extremely rare, according to University of Calgary neuropathologist Jennifer Chan, who says there are only 100 cases reported worldwide. Nevertheless, Chan has worked tirelessly to learn more about the cancer and admits to catching a bit of a break when Alex-

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"We haven't forgotten our son.... He took cancer as well as anyone could.... It just seems like he was here for a purpose."

Jonathan Brown

ander's parents decided to donate their son's tumour.

From that donation, Chan has established the first ETANTR cell line, which will allow for new experimentation in areas like drug screening and genetic analysis.

"A bit of it is serendipity," she said. "You have to keep trying.... This particular one succeeded and we're happy it succeeded."

Chan's breakthrough is one step towards a potential cure. As far as Jonathan Brown is concerned, even one more ETANTR victim is too many.

"As long research is being done on Alex's tumour, he hasn't lost the battle," Jonathan said. "He may have lost his life but he's still fighting to help other kids."

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Calgary Zoo. First penguin egg a dud, officials say

The first penguin egg laid at the Calgary Zoo has failed to develop, zoo officials said Tuesday.

Asa, a king penguin, laid the egg on Sept. 20 and cared for it carefully until Saturday, when she ended up dropping it, cracking it and letting it fall to the bottom of a pool in her enclosure.

Zoo staff retrieved the egg but found it had not developed.

"After 30 days' incubation it is impossible to say whether or not the egg was ever fertilized, but since there

was no development after a month of Asa's hard work, we know the egg was not viable, possibly because of the male 'Tut being so young," area curator Malu Celli said.

Calgary Zoo communications manager Laurie Skene expects some of the zoo's 46 penguins will produce additional eggs in the future.

"We don't have anymore yet at this point, although we do see signs of other penguins pairing up with each other, so it won't be the last, for sure," she said.

ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO



Asa was the first penguin to lay an egg at the Calgary Zoo, but the egg failed to develop. SERGEI BELSKI/CALGARY ZOO

Oakmount Way

Fire officials investigate southwest blaze

Calgary fire officials are investigating after a garage fire in the city's southwest Tuesday morning. Crews were called to the fire on Oakmount Way S.W. around 6:30 a.m. and were able to contain the blaze to the garage. No vehicles were in the garage at the time, as the house was up for sale and unoccupied, fire officials said. No injuries were reported. **METRO**

Pot bust

Eleven kilos of marijuana found

A 27-year-old Alberta man was among those arrested after Mounties conducting a road-safety blitz on two northern B.C. highways last week found more than just unbuckled seat belts. The traffic stops along Highways 5 and 16 were aimed at making sure people were buckled up and commercial vehicles were in good repair. On one stop, police found 11 kilos of marijuana in a large hockey bag, resulting in the arrest of the Alberta man.

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Public interest prevails

Correctional Service tries to prevent release of cell-death video

Federal prison authorities are going to court to try to stop the release of a jailhouse video of a teen who died in her cell.

Their announcement came just after the coroner refused to put a publication ban on the videos of Ashley Smith.

Prison authorities wanted the videos of a dying Smith kept from public view. But coroner Dr. John Carlisle said the public's right to know was too important.

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Annual report

Self-harm by prisoners rising

The federal correctional investigator says the number of prisoners harming themselves in federal penitentiaries has almost tripled in the last five years.

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Liberal party

McGuinty won't run for federal leadership

Outgoing Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty won't be challenging Justin Trudeau for the federal Liberal leadership.

The premier has decided to look for challenges outside politics.

"I've talked it over with family and supporters and I've decided not to run," said McGuinty.

Some of his closest advisers had put together a campaign team that would have been ready to go this week.

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Foreign workers

B.C. investigates recruitment ad

The provincial government is investigating after the B.C. Federation of Labour complained an employment agency has been advertising for Canadian jobs, offering miners in China a chance to work here in exchange for exorbitant recruitment fees. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Harper backbencher gives awards to anti-abortion crusaders

Diamond Jubilee medals. Activists jailed repeatedly for aggressive actions called 'heroines of humanity' by Vellacott

Conservative MP Maurice Vellacott, who gave Diamond Jubilee medals to two anti-abortion activists who have been jailed repeatedly, calls them "heroines of humanity."

Vellacott gave one of his 30 allotted medals to Mary Wagner, whose aggressive actions "counselling" women at abortion clinics have repeatedly landed her behind bars.

The Saskatchewan MP also gave one to Linda Gibbons, another longtime pro-life advocate and frequent convict on mischief charges.

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Saskatchewan Conservative MP Maurice Vellacott is shown in the House of Commons in May 2006. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Well-being. Economy OK but Canadians not so much

Canada's economy may well be muddling through, but on a more personal level, Canadians generally are not, a new study of well-being suggests.

The Canadian Well-being Index, led by researchers at the University of Waterloo, shows that quality of life in Canada deteriorated by 24 per cent between the onset of recession in 2008 and 2010.

Canada's main economic indicator, gross domestic product, only declined by about 8.3 per cent over the same period and began to make a turnaround by the end of 2010.

"When Canada's economy was thriving, Canadians only saw modest improvements in their overall quality of life," said Roy Romanow, co-chair of the index's advisory board. "But when the economy faltered, our well-being took a disproportionate step backward." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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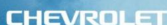
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Syria: It's a matter of life and death



A view of damaged buildings from shelling in Aleppo, Syria, taken Sunday.
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Aleppo under siege. Survival instincts are being stretched to the limit as rebels and Bashar Assad's regime clash and battle for Syria's largest city

The rumble of engines in the sky immediately set the Aleppo neighbourhood below

on edge. Men peeked from shops anxiously at the Syrian warplane circling slowly overhead. Housewives emerged on balconies to gauge whether they were about to be hit. But the kids hanging out on the street were unfazed. One kept dribbling his basketball.

Finally, the jet struck. Engines revving louder, it dove and unleashed a burst of heavy machine-gunfire into a nearby part of the city. It soared back up under a hail

of rebel anti-aircraft fire, then swooped back down for a second strafing run.

The women on the balconies broke into tears, fearing for the children in the street. But the boys just pointed at the jet, shouting "God is great" in challenge. "God send you to hell, Bashar," one boy yelled as the jet flew away.

With death lurking around every corner, the survival instincts of Aleppo's population are tested every day as the

battle between Syria's rebels and the regime of President Bashar Assad for the country's largest city stretches through its fourth destructive month.

Residents in the rebel-held neighbourhoods suffering the war's brunt tell tales of lives filled with fear over the war in their streets, along with an ingenuity and resilience in trying to keep their shattered families going.

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Gaza Strip

Landmark trip for emir of Qatar

The emir of Qatar became the first head of state to visit the Gaza Strip since Hamas militants seized the territory five years ago, showering almost half a billion dollars and unprecedented political recognition on the Islamic militant group. The Tuesday visit highlighted the tumultuous changes that have swept the region during the Arab Spring events over the past two years, pushing once-shunned Islamic movements to the forefront of Mideast politics.

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Double life

Informant denounces NYPD

A paid informant for the New York Police Department's intelligence unit was under orders to "bait" Muslims into saying inflammatory things as he lived a double life, snapping pictures inside mosques and collecting the names of innocent people attending study groups on Islam. Shamiur Rahman, a 19-year-old American of Bangladeshi descent who has now denounced his work as an informant, said it involved creating a conversation about jihad or terrorism and sending it to the NYPD.

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Afghanistan. 10 Afghan troops dead after ambush

Taliban insurgents killed 10 Afghan troops in an ambush in western Herat province, police and government officials said Tuesday.

A spokesman for the provincial governor, Muhiudin Noori, said the Afghan troops (which included both soldiers and police) were searching late Monday for a group of insurgents who had earlier set up a roadblock, stopping and seizing passing vehicles, when they were ambushed.

Five policemen, including the district commander and five soldiers, died in the ensuing firefight, Noori said. There were no insurgent casualties,

but police later arrested 25 suspects found in the area, he said.

Also Tuesday, an American service member was killed in an insurgent attack in the east, the U.S. military said in a statement. It did not provide further details about the attack. The latest death makes at least 12 American service members killed so far this month and 265 killed so far this year.

The Herat ambush was the bloodiest single incident for Afghan security forces this year in western Afghanistan, an area where the insurgents have been less active than in their strongholds in the east and west.

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An Afghan National Civil Order policeman searches a man in Marjah, Afghanistan, Sunday. A Taliban ambush left 10 Afghan troops dead Tuesday. One American soldier was killed in a separate attack. ANJA NIEDERHOF/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Russian spacecraft blasts off from new site

Baikonur. Need for backup launch site became acute with decommissioning of shuttle fleet in 2011

A Russian spacecraft surged into clear skies over the Central Asian steppe Tuesday, carrying a three-man crew on its way to the International Space Station.

The engines of the Soyuz TMA-06M sent a powerful roar across the tinder-dry countryside of southern Kazakhstan as scheduled in the afternoon to deliver NASA astronaut Kevin Ford and Russians Oleg Novitsky and Yevgeny Tarelkin to the orbiting laboratory.

After a two-day journey, the astronauts will join U.S. astronaut Sunita Williams, Russia's Yuri Malenchenko and Aki Hoshide of Japan's JAXA agency.

The crew will face what may be the heaviest workload in the 12-year history of

Cosmodrome

For the first time since 1984, the manned takeoff took place from the Russian-leased Baikonur cosmodrome's launch site 31.

- The pad that is normally used — the one where Yuri Gagarin became the first human to travel into space in 1961 — is being modernized. Site No. 1, better known as Gagarin's Start, was last overhauled in 1983.
- Launches of a modernized version of the craft that flew Tuesday will begin from Gagarin Start in 2016.

the space station over its first week.

Tasks will include handling the departure of a Dragon cargo vehicle and a spacewalk to carry out repair operations on the station.

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\$442 summer ride

N.Y.C. considers new pedicab rules

Even in an era of \$500 hotel rooms and \$18 cocktails, the \$442 that a Texas family paid for a ride in a New York City pedicab has become notorious.

The fare made headlines over the summer, and since then, officials have been pushing for a simplified pricing structure.

Pedicab operators are allowed to charge whatever

they like as long as their prices are posted on the side of the cab. That was what led to the \$442 fare. The driver told the couple after their 14-block ride that there was a \$100 fare for each additional passenger, even though the daughters were seven and nine.

A proposal before city council would scrap the rate cards for a per-minute charge that each driver could set. "What we don't want are surprises at the end," Councilman Dan Garodnick said.

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Grave error

Polish thieves find 12 coffins in van

A group of Polish car thieves got some unexpected cargo when they stole a van in Germany: 12 sealed coffins.

Polish police said the coffins were found early Tuesday in the woods near the western Polish city of Konin.

The thieves apparently dumped the coffins after they unwittingly stole a

van in Germany that was on its way to a crematorium.

The coffins were in one of three vans stolen on the night of Oct. 14 in the Berlin suburb of Hoppegarten.

Polish police spokesman Andrzej Borowiak says three Poles have been detained and two more are being sought on suspicion of stealing the vehicles.

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The Soyuz-FG rocket with the Soyuz TMA-06M space ship, carrying a new crew to the International Space Station, blasts off from the Russian-leased Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan on Tuesday. BILL INGALLS/NASA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Heading in different directions politically: U.S. President Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney walk past each other onstage after Monday's presidential debate. PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Obama after the debate: Mitt has 'Romnesia'

Final countdown.

Hard-hitting U.S. president accuses the normally hawkish Republican of shifting his positions

U.S. President Barack Obama has come out swinging — again.

The morning after the last televised presidential debate — in which critics say he gave a hard-hitting performance — he accused his Republican challenger Mitt Romney of shifting his positions.

He even joked that Romney

Quoted

"I will stand with Israel if Israel is attacked."

U.S. President Barack Obama during Monday night's presidential debate

was suffering from "Stage 3 Romnesia."

"We are accustomed to seeing politicians change their position from four years ago," Obama told a Florida rally Tuesday.

"We are not accustomed to seeing politicians change their positions from four days ago."

Romney presented a more centrist approach to foreign policy during the Monday-

night debate.

But the Obama campaign said the Republican's performance showed he is willing to shift from or lose his more conservative positions to satisfy his more mainstream constituents.

The two are neck-and-neck in the race for the White House as they enter the two-week home stretch before election day.

During Monday night's debate, Romney largely expressed agreement with how Obama has conducted U.S. foreign policy.

Romney even congratulated Obama "on taking out Osama bin Laden."

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State prison

Sandusky enters his new home

Jerry Sandusky, the disgraced former Penn State coach, became a state prison inmate Tuesday.

The 68-year-old was transferred out of the Centre County jail, his home since he was convicted in June of child molestation.

He arrived at the State Correctional Institute at Camp Hill, just outside Harrisburg, Pa.

Sandusky was sentenced this month to 30 to 60 years for sexual abuse of 10 boys over a 15-year period.

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Can quakes be predicted? Court says yes, leaving Italy's experts in fear

Four top Italian disaster experts quit their posts Tuesday.

They said the manslaughter convictions of former colleagues for failing to adequately warn of a deadly 2009 earthquake mean they can't effectively perform their duties.

A court in the quake-devastated town of L'Aquila convicted seven ex-members of Italy's so-called "Great Risks Commission" and sentenced each to six years in prison.

The sentences prompted predictions that experts will be discouraged from work-

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The 6.3-magnitude quake left 308 people dead in April 2009.

ing in Italy for fear of similar risks of prosecution.

Prosecutors said the defendants didn't properly warn town residents of the risk of a big quake.

But scientists say major earthquakes cannot be accurately predicted.

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Quick-touch payments. Tim Hortons rolls out Interac Flash

Tim Hortons has joined other Canadian retailers in adding Interac Flash cards to the number of ways customers can make cashless payments at the counter.

The restaurant chain expects more than 2,300 locations across the country to be accepting the wireless touch cards by the end of October.

Rather than adding to a credit card balance, the Interac cards draw down the funds from the customer's bank account. And unlike older types of credit and debit cards, the new generation of Interac cards use a quick-touch chip processor that doesn't require customers to enter PIN numbers or other information. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Employee drug-testing

Court turns down Suncor challenge

Suncor Energy has lost another legal round in its plan to randomly test thousands of unionized oil sands workers in Alberta for drugs and alcohol.

But the court battle pitting work-site safety against individual privacy rights isn't over.

Earlier this month, the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers union Local 707 won an injunction against a testing policy that was implemented during the summer. A judge ordered the matter be settled through arbitration.

An Alberta Court of Appeal judge ruled Tuesday against a Suncor application for a stay of the injunction. Suncor said it will continue the fight to keep its work sites safe.

"We will honour the interim injunction, but because of the importance of this program in addressing pressing safety concerns associated with alcohol and drugs, we are appealing the decision," Suncor spokeswoman Sneh Seepal said from Calgary. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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iPad Mini priced well above rivals

Orders start Friday.
New tablet 'is not just a shrunken-down iPad,' senior Apple exec says

Apple introduced a smaller iPad on Tuesday as expected, and updated its full-sized one. It also unveiled new Mac computers, including a 13.3-inch version of a MacBook Pro with sharper, "Retina" display.

With a screen measuring 7.9 inches on the diagonal, the iPad Mini is about two-thirds the size of the regular iPad. "You can hold it in one hand," said Philip Schiller, Apple's senior vice-president for worldwide marketing. "It's not just a shrunken-down iPad. It's an entirely new design."

The iPad Mini starts at \$329 US, which makes it more expensive than rival, seven-inch products — Amazon.com Inc.'s Kindle Fire starts at \$159 US, and Google Inc.'s Nexus 7 at \$199 US.

Advance orders for the iPad Mini and the new full-sized

iPad will begin Friday, and the products will be available Nov. 2. Two weeks later, a version capable of using cellular networks will go on sale. That's a feature the cheaper, seven-inch tablets don't have.

The new full-sized iPad is an update to the third-generation device that went on sale in March. It has a sharper screen and promises a faster processing chip and faster wireless Wi-Fi connectivity. Prices start at \$499 US.

• A new thinner and lighter version of the 13.3-inch MacBook Pro, with a sharper display, will start at \$1,699 US.

• New iMac computers feature what looks like a super-thin display screen — but Schiller noted "there is an entire computer in here."



The iPad Mini, shown in San Jose, Calif., on Tuesday, has a screen about two-thirds as large as the full-sized model.

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Conrad Black calls BBC personality 'British fool'

Quoted

"After seven years, my first morning back in Britain, am I to be subjected to this?" Conrad Black, responding to BBC interviewer Jeremy Paxman's questions about Black's wife, Barbara Amiel

Meanwhile, appearing on Sky News's Boulton and Co., Black was asked by interviewer Adam Boulton whether he ever intended to take his seat in the House of Lords.

"Presumably, but I haven't decided that," he responded. When Boulton asked Black where he was going to live, saying he'd been "kicked out of America," Black said: "Stop being a jackass; you're just being abusive."

Black said he is not a refugee and was not deported. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Black, who returned to his Toronto home this year after referred to Black as a convicted criminal and Black responded by calling Paxman a "priggish, gullible, British fool."

Black said he is not a refugee and was not deported. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Ottawa

BoC's benchmark rate held at 1%

The Bank of Canada kept its trendsetting policy interest rate at one per cent for the 17th consecutive time Tuesday, but signalled that it's worried about household debt and may need to

hike rates if the problem worsens.

The stand-pat decision on the policy rate was widely expected, but economists had been looking for softer language on the warning that the next move will be to hike interest rates due to weakness in the global economy. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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A DESTINATION WEDDING WHERE NO MAN HAS GONE BEFORE



JUST SAYIN'
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Figure it out. The average life span lasts about 29,000 days. Might sound like a lot, but that's all you get.

So why would you spend a single one at a Star Trek convention?

The original Star Trek's Capt. Kirk, William Shatner, had a lucid moment a few years back when he wondered the same thing.

Kingdom Klingon

They're so obsessive that the big event of the two-day fest, which ended Sunday, consisted of setting the record for the largest gathering of people dressed in Star-Trek-themed costume.

which ended Sunday, consisted of setting the record for the largest gathering of people dressed in Star-Trek-themed costume. The previous record of 1,040 nerds in a room was beat, as 1,083 Klingons, Vulcans and Ferengi came together to ... come together.

One couple really came together, exchanging vows as Klingons, the warrior aliens immortalized by Worf in Star Trek: The Next Generation. They spent their honeymoon at the convention, natch. I can't help but wonder what happens the first time Jossie tries to bite Sonnie (they're both Swedish in real life) on the neck (how a Klingon indicates he or she is interested in sex), and Sonnie says "Not tonight dear, jlwuQ (I have a headache)." The fur will fly, no doubt.

Not only did trekkers (the politically correct version of "trekkie") waste two of their 29,000 to pine for a program that went out of production on May 13, 2005, they spent as much as 3,000 British pounds on a ticket.

To be fair, the damn thing is tougher to kill than a Romulan battle cruiser. J.J. Abrams directs the next movie, which documents the further adventures of a reinvented Capt. Kirk, set to open on May 17, 2013, eight years later, almost to the day the series died.

How's that for symmetry? Symmetry is very important when you're a trekkERRRR.

If this keeps up, Star Trek will eventually catch up to its fictional "real time," sometime in the 23rd century. In fact, I'm surprised this has never been a Star Trek episode, as it's right up their alley.

Full disclosure: I used to be a fan, but bailed when the show jumped the shark somewhere between Deep Space Nine and Voyager. But I'd like to think I never thought of Scott Bakula (Star Trek captain No. 1) as "legendary" or the kiss between Capt. Kirk and Lt. Uhura as a milestone in U.S. race relations.

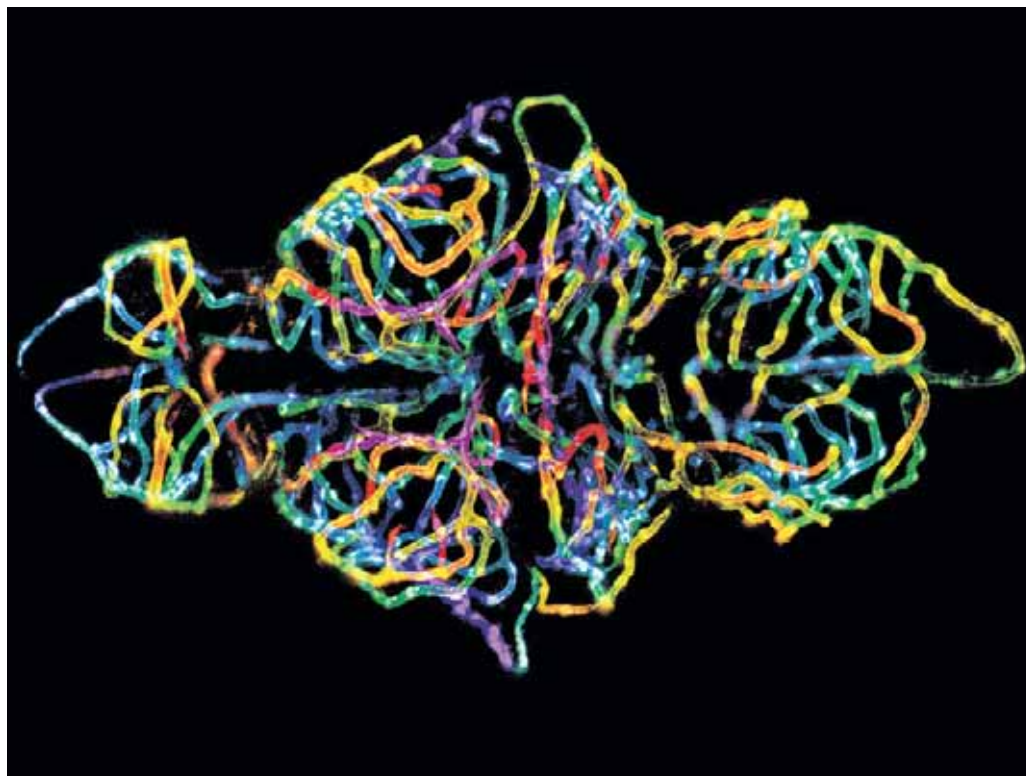
Yes, all the various Star Treks won 31 Emmys. But Frasier won 37 all by itself, and they don't have a Frasier convention every year with 1,000 Jack Russell terriers called Eddie.

At least not yet.



Jossie Sockertopp and Sonnie Gustavsson tie the knot in a Klingon wedding ceremony last weekend in London, England. OLI SCARFF/GETTY IMAGES

This photo is a little fishy



JENNIFER L. PETERS AND MICHAEL R. TAYLOR/NIKONSMALLWORLD.COM

Photomicrography

Fish brain lights up to win contest

A first-ever picture of the blood brain barrier in a live animal has won this year's Nikon Small World Competition, which recognizes excellence in photography taken through a microscope.

The blood brain barrier in a live zebra-fish larva was made by Jennifer Peters and Michael Taylor at St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tenn.

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Q & A

This is a photo first

Can you describe the photo?

This image is of blood vessels from the brain of a live zebra-fish larva. Using a fluorescent protein, we labelled the vessels that make up the blood brain barrier. As the colour changes from red to yellow to green to blue, the vessels are going deeper into the brain.

How is this image important in science and art?

This is the first time the entire blood brain barrier has been imaged in a live animal. I believe that new models of the blood brain barrier, such as the zebra fish shown in our image, may lead to new treatments for central-nervous-system diseases that disrupt the BBB: neurodegenerative disorders, brain tumours and strokes, to name a few.

Aesthetically, it's absolutely stunning.



MICHAEL TAYLOR
Biology researcher

Science explained

What's a blood brain barrier?

This defensive barrier is a group of cells that let nutrients and other necessities move between blood vessels and the central nervous system, while keeping bacteria out of the brain's region. METRO

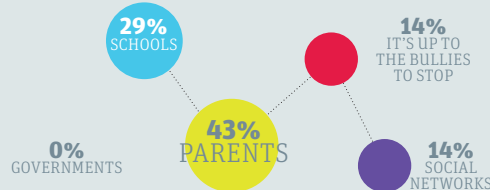
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'I was James Bond'

ANTHONY JOHNSTON
Metro World News



Licence to Thrill: Anthony Johnston, a.k.a. James Bond, in front of the iconic O2 Arena in London. Inset, Anthony as Daniel Craig taking care of an adversary. NICK CUNARD

London. Reporter plays 007 for a day, scaling an arena, drinking martinis and scoring a Bond girl

As a copy editor, I'm a stickler for, well, everything: words, grammar, facts ... and movie trivia. I know a thing or two about James Bond (his dad was Scottish and he has a drink every 24.3 minutes, for example) but I never pictured myself as 007.

In fact, no one has pictured me as 007.

At six-foot-six and close to 275 pounds — counting my bushy beard and hair — I am closer to jaws in stature and have as much experience with firearms as Moneypenny (none). Despite all this, I took up the mission of Be Bond for a Day to see if I could masquerade as a secret agent.

Cut and shave à la Bond

To be Bond, you have to look the part. So that means a respectable tuxedo — Moss Bros. of King Street, Covent Garden fixed me up — and an all-out

makeover. At traditional barbers Murdock London (Liberty department store, Great Marlborough Street, London), they specialize in slick side-parting styles and wet shaves with cutthroat razors.

Prepared, I whip out a photo of Sean Connery in Dr. No — it's the look I want.

My barber Alex Glover applies lashings of exfoliating creams and several hot towels to my face before diving into the mossy bush on my cheeks and atop my head.

The result is pure, pomaded Sean. I am now ready to climb a building.

Johnston, Anthony Johnston

In *The World is Not Enough*, 007 lands atop London's O2 arena after falling from an exploding hot-air balloon. Forgetting to bring my exploding hot air balloon, I instead sign up for the site's latest attraction Up at The O2, a 190-metre open walkway that stretches over the roof.

Attached to a harness, visitors scale the tensile fabric path, which at its steepest has an incline of 30 degrees, and finally rest at the observation deck — 52 meters above ground level. (The equivalent of 27 Sean Connerys and one Nick Nack, stacked up tall.)

Vertigo nearly kicks in. But if you're like Bond and walk with purpose — as fast as



'Daniel Craig' with girls on The O2... NICK CUNARD

you can — at the top you're rewarded with the spectacular skyline of London's Canary Wharf financial district.

You'll also have a good view of your fellow climbers, some of them, ahem, Bond girls.

Despite my tux, they were reluctant to pose with me. But after I donned a Daniel Craig mask, they rushed in, and one bloke even let me shoot him with my fake gun. Skyfall cost millions. All I needed to become a star was a \$5 sheet of thin cardboard.

And after this high climb, a stiff drink.

An Evening with Vesper

Where did Ian Fleming coin the celebrated phrase "A Martini. Shaken, not stirred"? Duke's Hotel (St. James's Place, London), nestled in the city's swanky Mayfair district. It boasts a sumptuous and refined bar where hedge fund managers and art gallerists — and occasionally a dashing 007 double — sip cocktails well into the night.

No sooner had I arrived at this quaint bar than the head barman Alessandro Palazzi, in his pristine white tuxedo, whisked me to my corner table. After glancing at my own attire, he kindly says to me: "You'll

want to have The Vesper."

For novices among you, The Vesper — a powerful concoction of gin, vodka, bitters and Lillet blanche aperitif wine — is regarded as the "true" 007 Martini, as it is mentioned in Ian Fleming's first Bond novel, *Casino Royale*. Alessandro makes it with three measures of No. 3 Gin (from London-based Berry Bros.), one measure of Potocki Polish vodka, one of Lillet Blanc and two dashes of Angostura bitters, topped off with a slice of orange peel. Alessandro's preparation of the drink before my eyes was tantalizing — the taste, intoxicating. Dry, rough, smooth, potent, invigorating and \$27.70 — it had as many qualifiers as it had ingredients.

My lips and mouth had been shaken and stirred.

And finally, the Bond girl

With Vesper flowing through my bloodstream, it was high time I got to work. The mission? Chat up more potential Bond girls. Armed with a feigned ego and innuendo-filled one-liners that would embarrass M, I headed for the aptly (and worryingly) named Dirty Martini (11/12 Russell St., Covent Garden, London).

At first, my efforts went badly amiss — I was blown off and berated, even slapped at by a mature woman who said, "I'm too dirty for you." Burned, James, burned. Maybe some Bondian pick-up lines would work?

"Hi," I said, smoulderingly, to the fair-skinned girl with delightful auburn hair. She asked if I was American, to which I

replied, "No, I'm Irish." (I really should have followed with, "Like Pierce Brosnan!") Then I stood there mute, a case of stage fright. The woman left, forgetting all about me.

Us spies call this "pulling a Lazenby," a.k.a. "dying another day."



...and at the club. RICHARD PECKETT

The big finale

Like any good Bond movie, this one has an explosive ending. Channelling my inner-Craig, I used one last pick-up line on two fine birds — "Explain this to me," it goes, "How come two gorgeous ladies like yourselves walk in and nobody tells me about it?"

They laughed — the good kind, mind you — and soon, I was chatting up someone who looks curiously similar to Eva Green as Vesper Lynd in *Casino Royale*. She even sat in my lap.

Was she on a Be a Bond Girl mission herself? That's for my eyes only.

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- Anthony Johnston dresses as James Bond, climbs the O2 and drinks martinis. Watch the video at metronews.ca/scene



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Nick Offerman talks about how he stops from cracking up on Parks and Recreation

Interview. Offerman opens up about working with his wife, how not to laugh at Amy Poehler and his new independent film

If you like Ron Swanson on NBC's *Parks and Recreation*, then you'll like Nick Offerman, the actor who plays him. Swanson is the director of the parks department in the Indiana town of Pawnee, where *Parks and Recreation* is set.

Offerman has the same deadpan delivery as his character, and he's a guy's guy who loves carpentry.

He has a woodshop in Los Angeles.

One way Offerman differs from his character; he's creative. Besides NBC's *Parks and Recreation*, the 42-year-old actor has a live musical-comedy review, *American Ham*, and a new independent film, *Smashed*, starring Aaron Paul and Mary Elizabeth Winstead.

The film tells the story of a young alcoholic couple whose dynamic changes when one decides to become sober. Offerman's wife, Megan Mullally, has a supporting role in the movie.

Offerman offers up the goods for our interview.

So you share a love of meat with your *Parks and Recreation* character?

I grew up in a part of the country where my dad every morning would get up and make us bacon and eggs. That was the fuel of life, so long before I learned about



Nick Offerman shares a similar style to his character on *Parks and Recreation*, Ron Swanson, and talks about how he keeps it together on set. CARLO ALLEGRI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

cholesterol or my circulatory system in any way. I was already hooked on all pork and beef products.

Some couples don't like to work together. How is it for you and your wife, Megan Mullally?

I think the accepted rule of thumb is that you don't bring your marriage to the workplace, but we feel very

lucky that for some reason I think it's important that we both are successful. If one of us wasn't succeeding, I

One more question

What makes you enjoy independent film?

- **Answer.** I grew up in a wonderful, large farm family in Illinois where we all pitch in to get the work done and pitch in to have a party or a meal and my whole life I've enjoyed collaborating with a group.

think that would make a difference in the paradigm, but we both are getting to exercise our own weird muscles, and we're able to leave our egos out of it. We love working as a team and I love to see her succeed and I'm very aware of how that helps me in our household. I love to plug Megan because, you know, she deserves a lot of kudos, but also because it's all in the family. She's such a comedy hero to me.

Which of your cast mates on *Parks and Recreation* are so funny it's hard to do scenes with them?

It's so hard not to laugh at Amy. She's just so wickedly funny and I've had to develop this psychological trick where I pretend she's my sister. ... I try to get into this mind-set where she's being so funny and I think to myself, 'Oh, you're so funny. Everyone loves you so much.' And I pretend she's my sister. It allows her humour to not affect me for a moment. But even that she batters through (laughs). THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Polley glad media focused on film, not her life

Stories We Tell. Movie is based on Toronto star's childhood and the tricky, painful task of finding out who her real father was

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There's one good aspect to Sarah Polley suspiciously keeping mum with the media about the movie she's been secretly making since 2008.

"Thankfully, they've seen the film for the film as opposed to being too interested in the revelation of my person-



Sarah and Michael Polley. The director later discovered that Michael was not her biological father. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE NATIONAL FILM BOARD OF CANADA

al life," said the actress-turned-director recently in Toronto

about her documentary *Stories We Tell*. "That's been nice,

Director's choice

Stories We Tell director Sarah Polley reveals her favourite documentary.

- **Five Obstructions.** "I love it," admitted Polley about the 2003 mind-bender in which filmmaker Lars von Trier challenges another director to remake a short film five different ways.

to talk to people about something I worked on instead of just what happens in my life."

In truth however, *Stories We Tell* (in theatres October 12) is very much about what has happened in Sarah Pol-

ley's life. Having answered a lifelong suspicion that she was conceived in an extramarital affair, the Oscar-nominated filmmaker of *Away From Her* was inspired to investigate the infallibility of memory. Without much more, she began interviewing her own family about their late mother and the plausibility of the secret affair.

"We all have these moments or these events in our families, whether they be tiny or huge, that we're convinced we know the truth about," said Polley.

"There's so many debates about what actually happened or what was the truth ... the only anchor we have in this total mess of life is the

narrative we create out of the events of our lives, which may be totally constructed, but that's something to hang on to in the middle of such a crazy ride we're on."

It's certainly paying off for Polley. The genre-bending film that's as stirring as it is beguiling has gained critical acclaim as well as an American distributor that will hold off on its U.S. release so that *Stories* will apply for the Oscar race.

"It's all kind of shocking," said Polley. "I'm a little shocked that anyone connects to it...but maybe it's because when you get really specific it makes it easier for people to relate to more universal themes or project their own lives onto it."

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How to make a career last in Hollywood

Interview. Rob Cohen has become one of the biggest movie directors and he shares the pitfalls and perils of the business

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Rob Cohen's latest film, the Tyler-Perry-starring franchise reboot *Alex Cross*, may have disappointed at the box office in its opening weekend — pulling in \$11.75 million in the U.S. — but don't count the prolific filmmaker out. Cohen's career has had many chapters, starting on the studio side in development before becoming a producer — for films like *Mahogany* and *The Wiz* — and then a TV and eventually film director, launching the *XXX* and the *Fast and the Furious* franchises. And he's still got a few tricks left up his sleeve. Here are a few lessons Cohen has learned along the way.

The secret to a long career: staying young at heart.

"The secret is to always listen



Rob Cohen shared some of his secrets to success in the movie business with Metro. SIDNEY BALDWIN

to the 25-year-old inside yourself, to not stop," says the 63-year-old Cohen. "I think so many people get what I'll call hardening of the categories. Like (vice-

presidential candidate) Paul Ryan with *Led Zeppelin*. In other words, all the 30 or 40 more years of music don't exist. Well, culture is a living, breathing, constantly evol-

ving organism and you can choose to keep up with that organism or you can choose to just root somewhere within it that's familiar. And I think it's really important, if you're going to stay in a business like the movie business, that you keep moving with the edge of it. And that's just relying on the person inside you that you were when the world was new. You have to see the world with beginner's eyes and be as wondrous about it as you were the first time you heard the Rolling Stones."

Know your place in the marketplace.

"I could see that the tent-pole business was going to go to a handful of guys — (Christopher) Nolan, Zack Snyder. There are three to five of those guys that were going to get called for

everything, and there's the Marvel answer, which is no money, no gross, no nothing. Do the movie, be told what to do, be told who's going to be in it, be told what the costumes are going to look like, and then you go say action and cut. That wasn't my desire, either. I came out of episodic television. I know how to shoot a *Miami Vice* in seven days. You don't forget that stuff just because you've had \$160 million to make a movie. Some people want to forget it."

Don't give up on things — especially another XXX movie with Vin Diesel.

"We almost had it done at Sony, we almost had it done at Paramount, and we fell apart there," Cohen admits about the long-planned franchise relaunch. "I think now they wish they had that

Quote

"To have a long career — and I've had a four-decade-plus career now — you have to reinvent yourself every 10 years, pretty much."

Rob Cohen
Talking about what it takes to make it in the movie business long term.

movie, with their release schedule. But it will rise up again. I'm just waiting for Vin to get his head out of *Fast and Furious* six, seven, eight, nine and 10."

Keep track of the decades.

"To have a long career — and I've had a four-decade-plus career now — you have to reinvent yourself every 10 years, pretty much. I spent the first 10 years or so of my career as a studio executive producer, then I made myself a director and I spent the next 10 years doing some features but mostly television," Cohen says. "When I wrote and directed *Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story* in '92, that started a committed directing career because I finally had a financial and critical hit to stand on. But then by 2001, I had to turn another card trick, and that was the *Fast and the Furious* — to go younger. After *The Mummy* made \$405 million, I didn't go to do another tent-pole. I thought, I'll be fighting and I'll be doing the ones with the numbers after it — two, three, four. I don't want to be there. That's almost, to a certain point, that's like being a traffic cop. And I wanted to do something that was still filmmaker-y, and that was the indie world. So that's where I'm at, and I'm going to continue, probably, in that zone. Then we'll figure something else if I'm still here in 10 years."



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New book. The devil is sadly missing the details

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When *The Devils* was unleashed on the world in 1971, the film's mix of sex, religion and violence disturbed many people, including a boy in Nova Scotia who would eventually become a Toronto film critic.

"I was too young to see it. I remember that it unsettled me to such an extent that I thought that on the list of movies I'll never watch again, this is probably one of them," says Richard Crouse of his early experience with the still-controversial movie by English film director Ken Russell.

"Years later, I became a Ken Russell fan. I went back and revisited it and realized that I was just too young the first time I saw it and that it is a masterpiece," says Crouse.

In 2010, when Crouse hosted a Q&A session with Russell, the 950 moviegoers jumped to their feet cheering.

"At that moment, I thought, there's enough interest here and enough of a story that I think this will make a great book," says Crouse.

And so it has. Earlier this month, Crouse released his book *Raising Hell: Ken Russell and the Unmaking of The Devils*, which details the creation of the film and the controversy that surrounded it.

The Devils is based on a true tale of demonic possession in 17th-century France.

Russell went about weaving a script that included plenty of nudity, graphic torture scenes, and masturbation with religious icons. Warner Brothers backed the project.



Raising Hell: Ken Russell and the Unmaking of The Devils is now available. HANDOUT

"The Devils was a mainstream movie when it came out. It wasn't some weird thing that would be shown at midnight in one theatre in Greenwich Village," says Crouse.

Before it reached the public, though, Russell's imagining was hacked by censors.

Why this film has been relegated to a footnote in pop culture consciousness was a question Crouse set out to answer.

"Why is it that not even two years after *The Devils* came out *The Exorcist* — with a young girl masturbating with a cross — it's accepted and re-released and celebrated?"

"In the *Exorcist*, good ultimately triumphs and that left people with this good feeling at the end of it. So that's why that movie gets by with virtually no cuts."

In contrast, *The Devils* leaves viewers with a feeling of despondency. "I think it was a reflection of the troubled, unsettled times and maybe people straying a little bit from the church."

Blurring the line of fantasy and reality

New film. *Silent Hill: Revelation 3D* follows a long line of movies that explore the idea of living in alternate realities



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In the song *Bohemian Rhapsody*, Freddy Mercury poses questions that must have passed through the minds of many movie characters. "Is this the real life? Is this just fantasy?"

Over the years in movies, like *12 Monkeys*, filmmakers have used the idea of an alternate reality, a variation of a real place, but turned by 180 degrees, to tell their stories.

For example, in this weekend's *Silent Hill: Revelation 3D* a teenager, (Adelaide Clemens), stumbles into her town's dark side when she crosses over into an alternate reality — the ultimate bad side of the tracks. It's a hellish, but vaguely familiar place where she finally comes to understand the nightmares that have tormented her since childhood.

One of the most famous filmic alternate realities appears in *It's a Wonderful Life*, starring Jimmy Stewart as George Bailey, a man who is shown what would have



Adelaide Clemens stars in *Silent Hill: Revelation 3D*. HANDOUT

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"One of the most famous filmic alternate realities appears in *It's a Wonderful Life*, starring Jimmy Stewart as George Bailey."

happened to the town of Bedford Falls had he never been born. In that world, the idyllic small town turned into a tough, unfriendly place called Pottersville, where George's friend Violet is a stripper, his uncle is in an insane asylum and his wife is a

spinster. "Strange, isn't it?," says his Guardian angel Clarence. "Each man's life touches so many other lives. When he isn't around, he leaves an awful hole, doesn't he?"

Bill Murray learns about self-redemption via alternate realities in two films. In *Scrooged*, he's a cutthroat television executive taken to the past, future and alternate present by three spirits who teach him about the spirit of Christmas. After his strange journey, he says, "I was a schmuck, and now I'm not a schmuck!" *Redemption*.

Groundhog Day has Murray as a grumpy weatherman sent to the small town of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania

to report on whether or not the weather predicting groundhog Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow. He hates the gig until the day he wakes up and realizes he is doomed to live the same day over and over again. His trip to the alternate reality teaches him to make the most of everyday.

Finally, the alternate reality in *Being John Malkovich* was a more confined place. Craig, played by John Cusack, finds a portal that leads into John Malkovich's brain, where, he says, "You see the world through John Malkovich's eyes. Then, after about 15 minutes, you're spit out into a ditch on the side of the New Jersey Turnpike!"

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Timberlake provides own entertainment at wedding reception

A benefit of marrying someone like Justin Timberlake? Some high-quality serenading at the reception.

That's exactly what new bride Jessica Biel got during the couple's wedding

celebration in Italy last week, when Timberlake reportedly grabbed the microphone to unveil some new material, according to Us Weekly.

"Justin performed one song at the wedding," a source says. "It's a new one that he hasn't released yet. He dedicated it to Jessica."

Guests were also treated to some other Timberlake hits from the DJ, Roots drummer Questlove, who "played a bunch of Justin Timberlake songs, but no 'NSYNC," the source says.

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Fergie

Meth and paranoia — Fergie talks about sobering up

A paranoia-filled visit to church one day was what it took for Fergie to clean up and quit using drugs, she tells Oprah Winfrey in an interview. "I started getting really paranoid, so I went one day into this church and I thought that the FBI and the SWAT teams were outside the church," says the singer, who says she started taking drugs — including crystal meth — in her teens. "I said, 'All right, if I go out and the FBI and the SWAT team's not out there, then it's the drugs and I'm stopping.'" There were in fact no law enforcement officials waiting for her, and she kept her promise to herself and sobered up. Fergie didn't, however, specify exactly when all of this happened.



Melanie Griffith

Don't let Twitter comments get you down

Melanie Griffith may be regretting her decision to join the Twitter world, as some of her fan interactions have been less than pleasant. "Most people are telling me I look horrible," she tells Us Weekly. "The tweets I get are really nasty." But the actress doesn't let the harsh barbs get her down. Instead, she keeps focused on staying in shape — and staying humble. "I don't know if I look that great," she admits. "[But] I work out a lot. I have a trainer that I [work with] four times a week, and I do hot yoga."

Twitter



@ABFalecbaldwin

Please be safe in Hawaii, @IrelandBBaldwin. Avoid the sharks. The ones wearing flip flops, Ray Bans and carrying a Budweiser.



@TheEllenShow

I'm so happy for Adele and her new baby boy, who just heard the best version of "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" ever.



@JessicaSimpson

Long day at work. Too lazy to wash my face off before bed! Nighty Night



@SteveMartinToGo

I'm thinking of becoming a motivational speaker. But I'm not sure. Should I? Maybe yes, maybe no. Undecided. Kinda thinking about it.

What up, Playa?

Not far from Cancun (and with a little more class), it's Playa del Carmen

CASSANDRA GARRISON
Metro World News

One of the fastest developing vacation spots in Mexico, Playa del Carmen is the perfect destination for everything from family getaways to bachelor parties. Many American entrepreneurs have found Playa to be an ideal location for starting a business, making it a smart choice for those who aren't fluent in Spanish or don't want to sacrifice the comforts of home. With direct flights into nearby Cancun and temperatures remaining in the 20s, Playa del Carmen offers an easy, affordable escape from the increasingly chilly air.



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Stay

There are countless all-inclusive resorts nestled along the beaches leading into the city, but for a more unique experience, opt for a downtown location for your home base like the Acanto Boutique Hotel (16 Norte bis, 1-888-331-2177). Sitting along a shaded cobblestone street, this hotel offers travellers spacious suites that lend themselves to longer stays. The private rooftop decks, equipped with barbecues and hot tubs, afford stunning beach views and breathtaking night skies. Acanto is close to Quinto Avenida (or Fifth Avenue, as it's known to tourists) and steps to Playa's many beach clubs, where you can lounge along the shore.



Play

The sprawling lounge chairs and couches at Zenzi Beach Club (on the beach at 10 Street, 984-803-5738) make it hard to resist a pina coloda, day or night. People-watch while you sit back and sip your way to relaxation.

If you're a cigar enthusiast, visit the quaint Cigar Factory on the corner of Fifth Avenue and 16 Street, where elderly cigar rollers will be hard at work at a table in the window.



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There's more to Casablanca than Humphrey Bogart

Often overlooked city. Morocco's art deco destination offers markets, beaches and some amazing architecture

Despite its romantic Hollywood associations, the sprawling ocean-side city of Casablanca is often overlooked by tourists heading for the beach or Morocco's more exotic cities like Marrakech. But this bustling city of four million, Morocco's commercial capital, is a vibrant mix of old and new with gorgeous art-deco architecture, traditional souqs (markets), one of the world's largest mosques and some picturesque beaches of its own.

The kingdom of Morocco also has the reputation of being the most stable country in North Africa and has been largely spared the unrest and protests that have erupted elsewhere across the region.

The downtown

A small port city until the French chose it as the capital of its "protectorate" over Morocco in 1912, Casablanca blossomed under the attention of some of France's foremost architects who now had room to create outside the crowded cities of Europe. The nouvelle ville, as the downtown was known, was done in an art deco meets

Middle Eastern style that is still stunning to behold, if you can look up long enough while dodging crowded sidewalks and zooming cars.

Luckily, the centre of it all, the elegant Mohammed V Boulevard, has been made a pedestrian street while a new tram system is installed. So until the sleek, French-built trams start running by the end of the year, you can stroll down the middle of the street, admiring the handsome buildings from the 1920s and 1930s.

The 'new' old city

Like most Moroccan cities, Casablanca has a "medina" or walled old city of winding alleys, except here it's smaller than most and quite run down, with most shops devoted to day-to-day items that are of little interest to the visitor. The French decided in the 1920s they would build a nicer medina and created the Habous neighbourhood just a 15-minute drive away, featuring elegant arches and white-washed buildings.

Habous is much cleaner and quieter than the downtown and is filled with handicrafts shops selling the traditional ceramics, leather slippers, embroidered caftans and metal lamps that tourists flood to Morocco to buy. Since most of the customers are locals as well, the quality tends to be higher than the tourist bazaars of Marrakech. There is also little of the hard sell that can blight a

trip to the market in some of the other cities.

The mosque

In the medieval world, kings left their mark by building massive monuments in their name. A modern king, Hassan II of Morocco, who ruled the country for almost four decades until 1999, did the same. Amid the crashing waves of the Atlantic, he built a mosque so enormous it looms over the whole city, with a retractable roof and a laser on the minaret. Faced with pale stone and ornamented with colourful inlaid geometric patterns and traditional tiles, it can hold 25,000 worshippers inside. The vast esplanade around the mosque is often filled with families enjoying the open space and the quiet, and there's a great view of the sea. The mosque was built through mandatory contributions from all citizens. Unlike most mosques in Morocco, non-Muslims are allowed inside, but only on guided tours in the mornings and afternoons that run \$15 a person.

The beach

Once on the city's coast, keep heading south toward the Ain Diab area, where the nicest beaches can be found. First there are the hotels and nightclubs of the wealthy Anfa district, but eventually they peter out and what's left is the corniche, a kind of boardwalk, with some great beaches pounded by Atlantic waves. Along the road there are popcorn and drink vendors, while on the beach itself young men offer pony or horse rides.

At the end of the beach there also sits the saint's tomb of Sidi Abdel Rahman, nearly entirely surrounded by water. The shrine to the holy man is also home to about a dozen families who have clustered their huts around the tomb. The beach area nearby is filled with picnicking families under umbrellas and stalls serving mint tea.

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The old medina has inspired many famous directors, such as Michael Curtiz in Casablanca. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The mall

Just beyond the saint's shrine looms the shiny bulbous mass of Morocco's first luxury mall. In the 10-minute walk from the shrine to the glass doors of the Imax cinema, you can move from the extremes of Morocco's social classes. Inside it's all Ralph Lauren and Christian Dior with an enormous fish tank featuring small sharks. In the fenced-off outside area, the musical fountain performs every hour. Most Moroccans can't afford the luxury items on sale, but the place is always packed. People window shop across the three floors and gawk at how Morocco's one per cent aspires to live.



Casablanca is a bustling city of four million. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Little Crete village still cashing in on its rep as a destination for hippies

Matala. Explore the caves where Joni Mitchell stayed, or just enjoy the beach and laid-back vibe of this little fishing spot

In one of Matala's ancient caves Joni Mitchell had a bad night's sleep.

But which one?

The Canadian folksinging icon joined a wave of hippies from around the globe that washed ashore at this village on Crete's south coast in the late-1960s. A key attraction: the sandstone caves at the north end of the beach that provided free accommodation.

In published photos of the time, the hippies look as if they've occupied some bizarre prehistoric hotel as they lounge outside their cliffside dwellings.

These days swimsuit-clad tourists clamber up ledges on the cliff to explore the caves all day long. Access is free.



Hippies made these caves famous. PHOTOS: MICHAEL FUHRMANN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"The fact that Joni Mitchell was here, and all the hippies, I think it makes Matala an attraction for the tourists," says Luigi Sirianni, 32, one of several vendors who set up tables

of handmade jewelry every day on the beach.

More than four decades after the hippy invasion, this Greek village continues to cash in on the 1960s legacy that has



Handmade jewelry sold on the beach adds to the hippy vibe.

become its brand.

Swirly, psychedelic-style images are painted on roads and laneways. Gift shops do a brisk trade in flower-power stickers, and T-shirts adorned with

peace symbols.

On a warm Saturday night in late-September, a barefoot musician sat cross-legged on a platform outside a cafe as he performed on electric sitar,

harmonica and Apple laptop before an appreciative crowd.

"Business here is very good, and anyone who says it isn't is lying," says Voula Hristodoylaki, 52, who has owned a bookshop here for 30 years.

"It's not tragic everywhere in Greece like they say on TV," she says, referring to the country's depressed economy and weakened tourism industry.

A three-day festival with round-the-clock music drew over 50,000 visitors to Matala this past June. Inaugurated in 2011 as a hippy reunion, the event will be staged annually, organizers say.

Mitchell immortalized her stay here in her 1971 hit song Carey: she said her fingernails were filthy, she had beach tar on her feet and she missed her clean white linen and "fancy French cologne."

"The wind is in from Africa, last night I couldn't sleep," the song begins.

Well, no wonder. Try sleeping on hard rock in a dusty tomb.

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Chorizo sausage steals spotlight in roasted chicken with root vegetables

Sometimes it's best not to over-think things — as in this basic roasted chicken, a take on a simple French classic.

Everything is just tossed into a pot, put in the oven and ignored until done. The recipe calls for a cast-iron Dutch oven. These really are indispensable for making all manner of roasts and stews.

And they are as happy on the burner as in the oven

(where, when covered, their heavy lids seal in moisture).

The most unique aspect of this recipe is the use of chorizo.

At its most basic, chorizo is a sausage made from chopped or ground pork and a ton of seasonings, often including garlic.

The flavours are deeply smoky and savoury, with varying degrees of heat.

Most are assertive and peppery, but not truly spicy.

Ingredients

- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- 3- to 4-lb whole chicken
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 lb cooking chorizo, casing removed and discarded, meat finely chopped
- 4 sprigs fresh thyme
- 3 sprig fresh rosemary
- 1 medium yellow onion, quartered
- 12-oz bag baby carrots
- 1 lb new potatoes
- 1 lemon, quartered
- 6 cloves garlic, peeled but left whole
- Ground black pepper, to taste

1. Heat the oven to 350 F.

2. Combine the salt and garlic powder, then rub the mixture over and under the skin of the chicken. Set aside.

3. In a 5 1/2-quart (or larger) Dutch oven over medium-high, heat the oil. Add the chicken and sear for 5 minutes per side. Transfer the chicken to a plate.

4. Add the chorizo to the pan, then sauté for 4 minutes. Add the thyme and rosemary. Heat for 30 seconds.

5. Return the chicken to the pan, breast up. Arrange the onion, carrots, potatoes,

Roasted chicken with chorizo and root veggies



This recipe serves six. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

lemon and garlic around the chicken, then place the lid on the pot. Transfer to the oven and roast for 45 minutes, or until the breast reads 160 F on an instant thermometer. Transfer the chicken

to a platter and tent with foil.

6. Use a slotted spoon to transfer the vegetables and chorizo to a serving bowl. Cover to keep warm. Discard the lemon quarters and any herb stems.

7. Place the pot over medium heat and bring to a boil. Cook until reduced and thickened, about 3 to 4 minutes. Adjust seasoning with salt and pepper. Serve the sauce drizzled over the chicken. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drink of the Week

Pinnacle Pumpkin Cider

It doesn't get more autumn than pumpkin pie and cider, and this drink combines the best of both worlds. It also adds a splash of lemon for a tart taste.

- 2 parts Pinnacle Pumpkin Pie vodka
- 1 part apple cider
- A splash of fresh lemon sour soda

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Mashed parsnips give mashed potatoes a run for their money

Winter is the season for parsnips, though when some varieties get too mature they develop a woody core, which then needs to be cut out.

Otherwise, these sneaky little devils are a wonderful, lighter alternative to actual mashed potatoes.

They're made by reserving the liquid in which they are cooked, boiling it down until it becomes syrupy, then adding it back to the puréed parsnips.

So simple, but such amazing results. This greatly decreases the wateriness that typically afflicts non-starchy vegetables when they're puréed.

Indeed, it thickens the purée. And it amps up the flavour, too.

Never tell your guests what it is when you serve it. Afterward, without fail, they will tell you how much they loved the mashed potatoes. You'll love enlightening them.

1. Place the parsnips in a large saucepan, add enough cold water to cover them by 1 inch. Bring them to a boil over high heat and add a pinch of salt.

2. Reduce the heat to

medium-high and simmer, adding a little more water if necessary to keep the parsnips barely covered, until they are tender, 25 to 30 minutes.

3. Drain and reserve the cooking liquid. Set the parsnips aside and return the liquid to the pan. Bring the liquid to a boil over high heat. Boil it until it is reduced to 3/4 cup.

4. Return the parsnips to the pan and add the butter. Working in batches, transfer the contents of the saucepan to a food processor and puree until smooth.

5. Return to the saucepan, season with salt and pepper, then heat over medium until hot. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/SARA MOULTON OF PUBLIC TELEVISION'S SARA'S WEEKNIGHT MEALS AND AUTHOR OF THREE COOKBOOKS

Ingredients

- 2 lbs medium parsnips, peeled and sliced 1/2-inch thick
- Kosher salt, to taste
- 1 tbsp unsalted butter
- Ground black pepper, to taste



This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Is it the perfect place for your pursuit?



Education or the elements? The program sounds great, but what about its whereabouts?

DANIELLE LORENZ
TalentEgg.ca

You've been doing your research to apply to grad schools — looking at the school, the program, the faculty, its facilities and services, its reputation and its academic requirements.

However, one thing you must also do your research on is the location of your program.

Many students tend not to consider how much living in a certain city will cost, and that should be almost as important as the school itself, since those costs are very much linked together. Since you will be spending anywhere between 12 and 24 months as a full-time student at these schools, you need to consider the city the school is located in as well.

Climate

Let's say you abhor all things snowy and cold. Even though the University of Alberta and the University of Manitoba have programs that suit your research interests, how well are you going to be able to cope with temperatures that can be as low as (and sometimes even colder than) -40C?

Similarly, if you detest rain, the University of British Columbia or McMaster University won't be good choices for you.

Cost of living

Although the climate and temperature can have a lot to do with how you will enjoy the city, you need to also examine the cost of living.

Because some locales are more isolated or have shorter growing seasons, groceries can be much more expensive in some areas over others. However, in smaller towns, there is often less variety and it can be more difficult for you to purchase specialty foods.

In other cities, the climate is great, or it is close to major financial or cultural centres, so the cost of living there is much greater than other places within Canada.

Transportation

En route to education

- Something else to consider is the cost of transportation within different cities: do you have a transit pass included in your tuition, or do you need to pay for a monthly pass? Do you have a car and do you need to pay for gas, parking and maintenance?

- Similarly, if you live in a large city, car insurance has a tendency to cost more than if you were in a smaller community.

Moving costs

One of the last things you should consider is how much it will cost you to move to this new city. If you are moving cross-country, the cost of renting a vehicle to bring all of your stuff can be upwards of \$10,000 or more. This can include the rental of a truck/trailer, insurance, a fee per kilometre you drive, the cost of gas, the fees issued by the rental company

to drive their vehicle back, as well as buying food and renting a hotel room.

If you opt to bring only the essentials with you, furnishing an apartment can be expensive as well. If you only plan to live in that city for the length of your program, perhaps it's more worthwhile to live in residence for some of the time.

However, Zac Spicer, a PhD student in political science at Western University in London, Ont., makes a great point when it comes to accessing what the location of your prospective school may be: "Location should be the last consideration of anyone applying to grad school, but it does obviously play a role in deciding where to go. ... I would caution anyone from letting this factor be the deciding one. Look at what the school offers, then consider the location."

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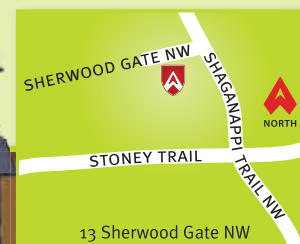
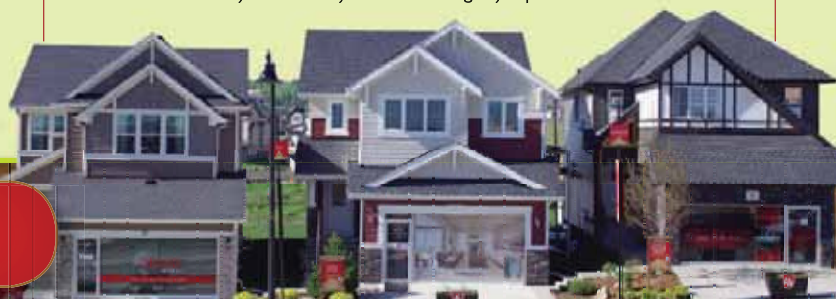
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Players, from left, Dan Cleary, Sidney Crosby, Jarome Iginla, Eric Staal and Shane Doan leave collective bargaining negotiations last Thursday in Toronto.
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NHLPA irked by teams' contact with players

NHL. League provided 48 hours for GMs, owners to discuss proposal with players

Distrust continues to creep into the NHL's stalled labour negotiations.

The NHL Players' Association was questioning the league's motives after news surfaced Tuesday that team owners and general managers were given a 48-hour window last week to speak with players about the NHL's latest contract offer.

"Most owners are not allowed to attend bargaining meetings," said Steve Fehr, the NHLPA's special counsel. "No owners are allowed to speak to the media about the bar-

Before the window

Since the lockout began, the NHL had forbidden contact between team officials and players.

- It was unclear how many

players were contacted, but one general manager acknowledged privately that he chose not to speak with his players because he felt uncomfortable doing so.

gaining. It is interesting that they are secretly unleashed to talk to the players about the meetings the players can attend, but the owners cannot."

The window was granted last Wednesday. Team employees were told they could answer questions about the offer from players until 11:59 p.m. on Friday.

"Players were contacting club personnel to inquire about our proposal," said deputy commissioner Bill Daly.

"We gave them a limited window in which to respond to those inquiries."

The NHL's negotiations have stalled just days before a deadline to save the entire season. On Tuesday evening, the NHLPA requested a Wednesday meeting at the league's New York office, provided it was held without pre-conditions.

However, Daly said that it wouldn't be granted since the union hadn't shown any inter-

est in the NHL's most recent proposal and wasn't ready to table another offer of its own.

"What would we be meeting about?" said Daly.

The NHL sent out strict guidelines prior to allowing club personnel to speak with players for the first time since the work stoppage began, but didn't alert the union it was doing so. In a lengthy internal memo obtained by The Canadian Press, the league stated clearly to teams that the discussions had to be limited to the contents of the proposal.

It also provided examples of questions that shouldn't be asked of players and noted that any violation would be subject to NHL bylaw 17.17, which grants commissioner Gary Bettman the power to levy fines up to \$250,000 US.

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NBA

Nowitzki in no rush to return after arthroscopic knee surgery

Mavericks star Dirk Nowitzki says he's encouraged after the first knee surgery of his career but says a timetable for his return is "pretty ridiculous to talk about."

Nowitzki walked gingerly but without a noticeable limp on Tuesday, four days after arthroscopic surgery on his ailing right knee. Coach Rick Carlisle said the 11-time all-star is expected to miss six weeks.

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MLB

Guillen let go after last-place season in Miami

Ozzie Guillen was fired Tuesday after one year as manager of the last-place Miami Marlins, whose promising season began to derail in April when his laudatory comments about Fidel Castro caused a backlash.

Miami's next manager will be the fifth for owner Jeffrey Loria since early 2010.

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MLB



"I would take exception with the thought that there was no intent to fulfil a contract."

New Red Sox manager John Farrell in response to fan anger in Toronto. The Blue Jays made a deal with Boston last weekend to release the skip, who was pursuing the high-profile job.

NFL. Court date postponed in Ward extortion case

A preliminary hearing for a man charged with trying to extort \$15,000 US from former Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Hines Ward was postponed Tuesday until Dec. 3 at the request of his attorney.

Defence attorney David Shrager said he needed more time to investigate the charges against Joshua Van Auker, 26, of Pittsburgh, along with the evidence.

Ward's assistant, Raymond Burgess, contacted authorities after Van Auker allegedly text-messaged him, claiming to



Hines Ward
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have the damaging information.

Detectives with the Allegheny County district attorney's office investigated and determined that Van Auker allegedly decided to make the demands after learning his girlfriend "had been involved in a prior physical relationship with Ward," according to a criminal complaint. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

Blackhawks' Kane latest star to take talents to European ice

With no deal for the ongoing lockout in sight, more top NHL players have set their sights on Europe.

Chicago Blackhawks forward Patrick Kane signed with EHC Biel in Switzerland on Tuesday, just days after Washington Capitals centre Nicklas Backstrom packed his bags for Dynamo Moscow in the KHL. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLB. \$1.4-billion stadium proposed in Buffalo

Nicholas Stracick figures if he builds it, the Bills will stay.

Stracick, CEO and president of the Greater Buffalo Sports and Entertainment Complex, unveiled a proposal on Tuesday to build a \$1.4-billion waterfront sports and entertainment facility that would include a 70,000-plus-seat, retractable-roofed stadium to one day serve as the Bills' new home.

In making a presentation to a city council committee, Stracick said his plan has the potential to change Buffalo's rust-belt image and preserve the Bills'

Quoted

"This stadium is going to change the city of Buffalo."

Nicholas Stracick, CEO and president of the Greater Buffalo Sports and Entertainment Complex

long-term future in western New York.

Stracick's presentation was tabled by the committee, and it's unclear when it will be discussed at a full council meeting.

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How they made it



Giants: Finished first in the NL West and were the league's third seed behind the Nationals and Reds. The Giants fell behind 0-2 at home in the NLDS, flying to Cincinnati where they rolled off three straight wins. In the NLCS vs. the Cardinals, the inspiration came from a dirty slide that threatened to take 2B Marco Scutaro out of the series with knee damage. The former Blue Jay bounced back to be NLCS MVP batting .500. The Giants are a record 6-0 in elimination games.



Tigers: Rushed past the White Sox down the stretch to win the AL Central despite just 88 wins. RH Justin Verlander is the man for the Tigers, beating Oakland twice in the ALDS and the Yankees once in the ALCS with a 0.74 ERA, averaging over eight innings per start. The A's took it to five games before Verlander shut them out. The Tigers swept the Yankees and have been on the sidelines since last Friday waiting for an opponent. Detroit's rotation has been overpowering.

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Verlander returns to Series on October roll

Tigers' best. Detroit ace looks to put behind early career disappointments on World Series stage

Justin Verlander's introduction to post-season baseball six years ago left him dazzled and exhausted.

Worn down toward the end of his rookie season, he made his playoff debut at Yankee Stadium. A couple weeks later, he was on the mound for Game 1 of the World Series.

"It was such a whirlwind, really, that entire season. I remember standing on the mound in old Yankee Stadium ... and growing up as a kid you see all of the post-season games and all of the magic that had happened in that stadium, and it was kind of a surreal moment for me," the Detroit ace said.

"I feel like I have pitched in big games now and understand what my body's going to be going through and what my mind is going to be going through and I am able to rein it in a little more and use it more to my advantage."

Verlander is now 29 and he returns to the Fall Classic a more mature pitcher. In three playoff starts against Oakland and the New York Yankees, he's allowed all of two runs going into Wednesday night's opening game at San Francisco.

"He's learned to handle these situations. He's learned how to stay pretty calm throughout the game in these big-game situations," manager Jim Leyland said.



Tigers ace Justin Verlander delivers during Game 3 of the ALCS against the New York Yankees in Detroit on Oct. 16.

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Second chance in San Francisco

Barry Zito will start the World Series opener for the San Francisco Giants Wednesday night.

- Zito's stellar outing in a 5-0 win on Friday in Game 5 of the NL championship series helped San Francisco rally from a 3-1 series deficit against the St.



Louis Cardinals.

- The Giants have won Zito's last 13 starts dating to Aug. 7. The \$126-million pitcher was left off all three rounds of the 2010 post-season when San Francisco won the World Series.

The six-foot-five right-hander makes pitching look effortless, settling into a groove early without necessarily reaching back for his triple-digit fast-

ball until the later innings.

Verlander went 24-5 in 2011, sweeping the AL MVP and Cy Young awards. Although he won only 17 games this year, his

ERA was still a sparkling 2.64.

Of course, in 2006, Verlander started Game 1 of the World Series, and the Tigers lost to St. Louis 7-2. Those travails are all but forgotten now.

On Wednesday night, Verlander will go back to work, with his usual business-like attitude and tireless approach. He still won't take anything for granted. Verlander's well aware that no matter how talented you are, anything can happen in October.

"Every game in the post-season is a must-win," Verlander said. "In the post-season we have seen some crazy things happen in this game. Just try to win every single game one inning at a time."

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Roster rundown



Giants:

Offence: Have been led by the play of 2B Marco Scutaro and the voice of RF Hunter Pence. In C Buster Posey's only full season they won the 2010 World Series.

Pitching: RH Ryan Vogelsong has been the man in the rotation. RH Matt Cain is a workhorse, but has struggled at times, while LH Barry Zito has pitched well recently. The Giants replaced injured closer Brian Wilson with Sergio Romo, who has the beard for the job.



Tigers:

Offence: DH Delmon Young drove in the winning run in all four games against the Yankees. They boast the powerful 3-4 combo of Triple Crown winner 3B Miguel Cabrera and 1B Prince Fielder.

Pitching: All the talk is about RH Justin Verlander, but RH Doug Fister, RH Max Scherzer and RH Anibal Sanchez have also pitched well. They've had rest, so the longer the series, the advantage goes to Detroit. The Tigers have been forced to go to LH Phil Coke as the closer with RH Jose Valverde struggling.

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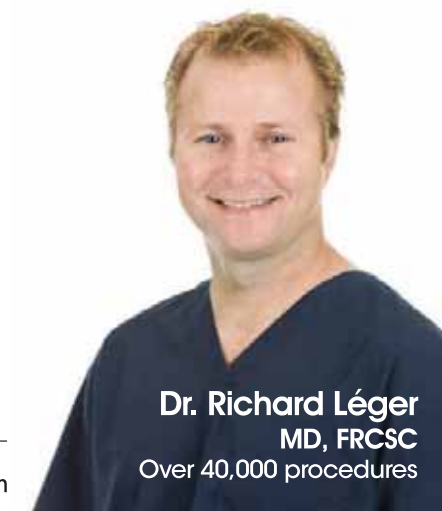


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Hard road ahead for cycling to regain credibility

Doping fallout.

Sport's top official says stripping Armstrong of Tour de France titles gives it some 'moral authority'

Mired in a crisis caused by the Lance Armstrong doping affair, the sport of cycling faces an uphill trek to regain

credibility.

Still, cycling's top official said the sport can succeed despite the doubts of many, including anti-doping leaders who on Tuesday called for Armstrong-era officials to be removed.

"By the decisions we have taken (Monday) it has given us the moral authority," UCI president Pat McQuaid told The Associated Press after the UCI accepted the sanctions that stripped Armstrong of

Quote

"The sport has to take what it can from this and use it as a means to convince athletes that there's no future in doping."

UCI president Pat McQuaid

his seven Tour de France titles and all other race results since August 1998.

Skeptics still insist that

the UCI protected Armstrong from scrutiny for many years, and was reluctantly forced to disown him by a devastating report published this month by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency. Across 1,000 pages of evidence, it detailed how Armstrong's teams used and trafficked banned drugs — coercing some teammates into the conspiracy — to dominate the Tour from 1999-2005.

"We really had no option

but to make the decision we made," McQuaid said.

McQuaid's denunciation that Armstrong "deserves to be forgotten in cycling" was surprisingly strong after the UCI had previously backed Armstrong's failed legal fight to deny USADA jurisdiction in the case.

"We haven't tried to find a way to defend an icon in our sport — we've accepted reality," the UCI president told the AP. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



UCI president Pat McQuaid
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Heat handle Bobcats without Wade

Miami Heat forward LeBron James saves the ball from going out of bounds during an NBA pre-season game against the Charlotte Bobcats on Tuesday night in Raleigh, N.C. With Dwyane Wade given the night off, Chris Bosh turned in an aggressive performance, scoring 21 points to help the Heat beat the Bobcats 98-92. LeBron James added 10 points and eight assists for the Heat and Ray Allen added 15 points off the bench for Miami. **GERRY BROOME/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

CFL

Als' Richardson runs to offensive honours

Montreal Alouettes slotback Jamel Richardson was named CFL offensive player of the week Tuesday.

He had 161 receiving yards on eight catches in the Als' 34-28 win over Saskatchewan last week.

Calgary defensive back Keon Raymond was named defensive player of the week for his efforts in the Stampeders' 34-32 win over Hamilton. He had eight tackles, two sacks and returned an interception for a touchdown.

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MLB

Baseball great Fisk facing DUI charges

Hall of Fame catcher Carlton Fisk faces charges of driving under the influence and other misdemeanours after being found asleep in his pickup truck in a cornfield, police in suburban Chicago said Tuesday.

New Lenox Deputy Chief Robert Pawlisz said officers found Fisk, 64, behind the wheel late Monday with an open bottle of vodka on the truck's floor.

Fisk was taken to a hospital for treatment and released from custody after posting bail, Pawlisz said.

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MLB	
MLB PLAYOFFS	Sunday's result San Francisco 6 St. Louis 1
LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES (Best-of-7)	
AMERICAN LEAGUE N.Y. Yankees (E) vs. Detroit (C) (Detroit wins series 4-0)	
NATIONAL LEAGUE San Francisco (W) vs. St. Louis (wc) (San Francisco wins series 4-3)	
Monday's result San Francisco 9 St. Louis 0	

LATE FRIDAY	
GIANTS 9, CARDINALS 0	San Francisco 115 000 11X—9 14 0 a-lined out for Mujica in the 5th. b-struck out for Rosenthal in the 7th. c-grounded into a double play for Affeldt in the 7th. d-struck out for Descalso in the 8th. E—Jay (1), Kozma (2). LOB—St. Louis 12, San Francisco 10. 2B—Sandoval (2), Pence (1). HR—Belt (1), off Motte. RBIs—Pagan (2), Sandoval (6), Pence 2 (3), Belt (2), B.Crawford (5), M.Cain (1), SB—Beltran (2), Descalso (1). Runners left in scoring position—St. Louis 9 (Craig 2, Lohse 2, Descalso, T.Cruz 2, Holliday 2); San Francisco 4 (Pence, Sandoval 2, Belt). RISP—St. Louis 0 for 11; San Francisco 3 for 14. Runners moved up—Beltran, Holliday, Sandoval, B.Crawford. GDP—A.Huff. DP—St. Louis 1 (Descalso, Kozma, Craig). St. Louis IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA Lohse L, 1-1 2 6 5 5 1 1 46 7.04 J.Kelly 1/3 2 2 2 2 1 26 4.50 Mujica 1 1/3 1 0 0 0 0 14 0.00 Rosenthal 2 1 0 0 1 4 34 0.00 Boggs 1/3 3 1 1 1 0 22 5.40 Salas 1/3 0 0 0 0 0 3 3.86 Motte 1 1 1 1 0 0 14 2.25 San Francisco IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA M.Cain W, 1-1 5 5 0 0 1 4 102 2.19 Affeldt 1 1/3 0 0 0 1 2 18 0.00 S.Casilla 1/3 2 0 0 0 0 17 0.00 Ja.Lopez 1/3 0 0 0 2 2 25 0.00 Romo 1/3 0 0 0 0 0 4 0.00 Lohse pitched to 3 batters in the 3rd. Inherited runners—scored—J.Kelly 3-3, Mujica 3-0, Salas 2-0, Affeldt 2-0, Ja.Lopez 2-0, Romo 2-0. HBP—by M.Cain (Holliday). WP—S.Casilla, Romo. Umpires—Home, Gary Darling; First, Chris Guccione; Second, Bill Miller; Third, Greg Gibson; Right, Jerry Layne; Left, Ted Barrett. T—3:35. A—43,056 (41,915).

AHL	
Tuesday's results St. John's 8 Portland 7 (OT) Rochester 3 Hamilton 1 Oklahoma City 4 Lake Erie 3 Wednesday's games All Times Eastern Portland at St. John's, 6 p.m. Connecticut at Albany, 7 p.m. Milwaukee at Texas, 8:30 p.m. Thursday's game San Antonio at Rockford, 8:05 p.m.	Friday's games Adirondack at Albany, 7 p.m. Hershey at Connecticut, 7 p.m. Charlotte at Grand Rapids, 7 p.m. Springfield at Providence, 7:05 p.m. Rochester at Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, 7:05 p.m. Toronto at Hamilton, 7:30 p.m. Abbotsford at Lake Erie, 7:30 p.m. Bridgeport at Worcester, 7:30 p.m. Houston at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m. Chicago at Peoria, 8:05 p.m.

NBA PRESEASON	
Tuesday's results Indiana 100 Cleveland 82 Chicago 94 Oklahoma City 89 Phoenix at Golden State At Raleigh, NC Miami 98 Charlotte 92 Monday's results Toronto 104, Milwaukee 95 Philadelphia 98, New York 90 Dallas 87, New Orleans 74 Phoenix 103, Sacramento 88 Portland 120, Utah 114	L.A. Clippers 88, Golden State 71 Wednesday's games All Times Eastern New York vs. Brooklyn at Uniondale, NY, 7:30 p.m. Orlando at Memphis, 8 p.m. Houston at New Orleans, 8 p.m. Dallas vs. Oklahoma City at Wichita, KS, 8 p.m. Detroit vs. Minnesota at Winnipeg, Manitoba, 8 p.m. Washington vs. Miami at Kansas City, MO, 8:30 p.m. L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

SOCCER	
MLS	
EASTERN CONFERENCE	
y-Kansas City 33 17 7 9 40 26 60 x-D.C. United 33 17 10 6 52 42 57 x-Chicago 33 17 11 5 45 40 56 x-New York 33 15 9 9 54 46 54 x-Houston 33 14 8 11 48 39 53 Columbus 33 14 12 7 42 43 49 Montreal 33 12 15 6 45 50 42 Philadelphia 32 10 16 6 36 40 36 New England 33 8 17 8 38 44 32 Toronto 33 5 20 8 35 60 23	
WESTERN CONFERENCE	
y-San Jose 33 19 6 8 71 42 65 x-Seattle 33 15 7 11 51 32 56 x-Real Salt Lake 33 17 11 5 46 35 56 x-Los Angeles 33 15 12 6 58 47 51 x-Vancouver 33 11 13 9 35 41 42 Dallas 33 9 13 11 40 45 38 Colorado 33 10 19 4 42 50 34 Portland 33 8 16 9 33 55 33 Chivas USA 33 7 18 8 22 56 29 x — Clinched playoff berth. y — Clinched conference. Note: Three points for a win, one for a tie. Wednesday's game Philadelphia at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.	

UEFA	
CHAMPIONS LEAGUE	
First Round	
Group E Nordsjaelland (Denmark) 1 Juventus (Italy) 1 Shakhtar Donetsk (Ukraine) 2 Chelsea (England) 1 Group F BATE Borisov (Belarus) 0 Valencia (Spain) 3 Lille (France) 0 Bayern Munich (Germany) 1 Group G Spartak Moscow (Russia) 2 Benfica (Portugal) 1 Barcelona (Spain) 2 Celtic (Scotland) 1 Group H Galatasaray (Turkey) 1 CFR Cluj (Romania) 1 Manchester United (England) 3 Braga (Portugal) 2	

ENGLISH	
LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP	
Yesterday's results Barnsley 1 Crystal Palace 1 Bristol City 3 Burnley 4 Cardiff City 2 Watford 1 Ipswich Town 1 Derby County 2 Leeds United 1 Charlton Athletic 1 Leicester City 1 Brighton & Hove Albion 0 Middlesbrough 2 Hull City 0 Millwall 3 Birmingham City 3 Peterborough United 3 Huddersfield Town 1 Wolverhampton 2 Bolton Wanderers 2 Blackpool 2 Nottingham Forest 2	

CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE	
FIRST ROUND	
GROUP TWO Tuesday's result Real Salt Lake (U.S.) vs. Herediano (Costa Rica)	
GROUP THREE Tuesday's result Houston (U.S.) 1 Olimpia (Honduras) 1	
GROUP SEVEN Tuesday's result Chorillo (Panama) vs. Monterrey (Mexico)	

CFL	
WEEK 17	
EAST DIVISION	
y-Montreal 16 10 6 0 440 445 20 Toronto 16 7 9 0 371 425 14 Winnipeg 16 5 11 0 339 492 10 Hamilton 16 5 11 0 470 515 10	
WEST DIVISION	
y-B.C. 16 12 4 0 441 307 24 x-Calgary 16 10 6 0 464 382 20 x-Saskatchewan 16 8 8 0 425 361 16 Edmonton 16 7 9 0 370 393 14 x — Clinched playoff berth. y — Clinched division. Saturday's results Calgary 34 Hamilton 32 Montreal 34 Saskatchewan 28 Friday's results B.C. 39 Edmonton 19 Winnipeg 44 Toronto 32	

WEEK 18	
Friday's game — All Times Eastern B.C. at Calgary, 9 p.m. Saturday's games Winnipeg at Hamilton, 1 p.m. Toronto at Saskatchewan, 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28 Edmonton at Montreal, 1 p.m.	

TENNIS	
ATP	
DAVIDOFF SWISS INDOORS At Basel, Switzerland Singles First Round Nikolay Davydenko, Russia, def. Stanislas Wawrinka (4), Switzerland, 7-6 (7), 7-6 (3). Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria, def. Viktor Troicki (8), Serbia, 6-3, 6-2. Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, def. Bernard Tomic, Australia, 6-0, 6-2. Matthew Ebdon, Australia, def. Victor Hanes-cu, Romania, 6-3, 7-6 (3). Marco Chiudinelli, Switzerland, def. Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4. Brian Baker, U.S., def. Radek Stepanek, Czech Rep., 2-6, 7-6 (5), 6-3. Kevin Anderson, South Africa, def. Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, 7-6 (4), 6-3. Thomas Bellucci, Brazil, def. Go Soeda, Japan, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.	
VALENCIA OPEN 500 At Valencia, Spain Singles First Round David Ferrer (1), Spain, def. Olivier Rochus, Belgium, 7-5, 7-5. Xavier Malisse, Belgium, def. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (2), France, 3-1, retired. Gilles Simon, France, def. Janko Tipsarevic (3), Serbia, 5-4, retired. Nicolas Almagro (6), Spain, def. Juan Carlos Ferrero, Spain, 7-5, 6-3. Sam Querrey, U.S., def. Feliciano Lopez, Spain, 6-3, 7-6 (4). Alexandr Dolgopopolov, Ukraine, def. Filippo Volandri, Italy, 6-3, 7-6 (5). Jurgen Melzer, Austria, def. Carlos Berlocq, Argentina, 6-3, 6-3.	

NFL	
AMERICAN CONFERENCE	
EAST	
New England 4 3 0 .571 217 163 Miami 3 3 0 .500 120 117 N.Y. Jets 3 4 0 .429 159 170 Buffalo 3 4 0 .429 171 227	
SOUTH	
Houston 6 1 0 .857 216 128 Indianapolis 3 3 0 .500 117 158 Tennessee 3 4 0 .429 149 238 Jacksonville 1 5 0 .167 88 164	
NORTH	
Baltimore 5 2 0 .714 174 161 Pittsburgh 3 3 0 .500 140 132 Cincinnati 3 4 0 .429 166 187 Cleveland 1 6 0 .143 147 180	
WEST	
Denver 3 3 0 .500 170 138 San Diego 3 3 0 .500 148 137 Oakland 2 4 0 .333 113 171 Kansas City 1 5 0 .167 104 183	

WEEK SEVEN	
Monday's result Chicago 13, Detroit 7 Sunday's results Minnesota 21 Arizona 14 Green Bay 30 St. Louis 20 Houston 43 Baltimore 13 N.Y. Giants 27 Washington 23 Dallas 19 Carolina 14 New Orleans 35 Tampa Bay 28 Indianapolis 17 Cleveland 13 Tennessee 35 Buffalo 34 Oakland 26 Jacksonville 23 (OT) New England 29 N.Y. Jets 26 (OT) Pittsburgh 24 Cincinnati 17 Thursday's result San Francisco 13 Seattle 6	

GOLF	
WEEKEND GLANCE	
US PGA TOUR/ASIAN TOUR CIMB CLASSIC Site: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Schedule: Thursday-Sunday. Online: www.pgatour.com Asian Tour site: www.asiantour.com	
EUROPEAN TOUR BMW MASTERS Site: Shanghai. Schedule: Thursday-Sunday. Online: www.europeantour.com	
US LPGA TOUR SUNRISE LPGA TAIWAN CHAMPIONSHIP Site: Yang Mei, Taiwan. Schedule: Thursday-Sunday. Online: www.lpga.com	
CHAMPIONS TOUR AT&T CHAMPIONSHIP Site: San Antonio. Schedule: Friday-Sunday. Online: www.pgatour.com	

TOURNAMENTS	
MEN WEB.COM TOUR: Web.com Tour Championship, Thursday-Sunday, TPC Craig Ranch, McKinney, Texas. Online: www.pgatour.com JAPAN GOLF TOUR: Mynavi ABC Championship, Thursday-Sunday, ABC Golf Club, Hyogo, Japan. Online: http://www.jgto.org PGA TOUR OF AUSTRALASIA: Western Australia Open, Thursday-Sunday, Royal Perth Golf Course, Perth, Australia. Online: pgatour.com.au SUNSHINE TOUR: Sun Coast Classic, Thursday-Saturday, Durban Country Club, Durban, South Africa. Online: www.pgatour.co.za EUROPEAN CHALLENGE TOUR: Apulia San Domenico Grand Final, Wednesday-Saturday, San Domenico Golf Club, Savelletri, Italy. Online: www.europeantour.com	
WOMEN LADIES EUROPEAN TOUR: China Suzhou Tai-hu Open, Friday-Sunday, Suzhou Taihu International Golf Club, Suzhou, China. Online: www.ladieseuropeantour.com JAPAN LPGA TOUR: Hisako Higuchi Ladies, Friday-Sunday, Musashigaoka Golf Club, Saitama, Japan. Online: www.lpga.or.jp	

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Interior styling

Cabin styling, which was the previous Malibu's strong suit, hasn't veered off course for 2013. The dual cockpit-style seating arrangement, with its wrap-around dashboard and centre stack, returns in roughly the same format, but the controls and switches are laid out in a more straightforward fashion.

Design

On the outside, the Malibu's athletic lines reveal a more prominent grille and Camaro-influenced taillights at the opposite end. The range-topping LTZ is upgraded with brighter high-intensity discharge (HID) headlights and faster-acting light-emitting diode (LED) taillights.

Review. It's really three separate cars under the same banner

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To be a mid-sized sedan in this day and age means that you actually have to be a lot more than just a mid-sized sedan.

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Once considered somewhat plain and uninspiring in a rental-fleet sort of way, the Malibu regained its groove for the 2008 model year with sharp styling, thoughtfully designed interior

appointments and competent road manners. The reviews bordered on gushing, sales spiked and the mid-size Chevy was walking proud again. The new 2013 Malibu has been repurposed for new challenges and increased sedan-class competitiveness. From top to bottom it's a completely different car, starting with a more rigid platform based on the Opel Insignia (also part of GM).

Exterior dimensions are closely aligned with the outgoing Malibu, except for about 11.5 centimetres of shrinkage between the front and rear wheels. Despite this deficit, most key passenger- and cargo-area measurements, except legroom, have actually increased. The speedometer and tachometer gauge pods are located in what are clearly Chevrolet Camaro-inspired housings. As with other recently launched GM sedans, the Malibu comes with 10 standard airbags, including front-knee inflatables.

In short, the 2013 Malibu offers a variety of models to a diverse group of buyers. Welcome to the modern mid-size sedan.



The Malibu's taillight influence is undeniable. All models are front-wheel drive and have some sort of four-cylinder propulsion.



The gauge layout will likely remind you of the Chevrolet Camaro.

By comparison



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The transition through various types of seats depends more on a child's development than age or weight, according to Barbara Baines, child passenger safety advocate for Britax.

"Britax recommends rear-facing as long as possible," she says.

"It's a safer way to travel, because during a frontal collision, the force of the collision is absorbed through the back of the seat, and there is no energy or force being put on the weaker front parts of the body."

The federal government sets standards for the seats themselves, but provinces set laws for their use.

The weight and age of children in rearward-facing seats is often legislated at 20 to 22 pounds, or a minimum of one year.

Baines recommends using the child's development instead and keeping them rearward-facing until they can walk unassisted.

"Many children are bigger than in the past, and that's why we've brought

Things to note

- **Better safe than sorry.** Always register your seat with the manufacturer when you buy it, so you can be alerted to any product recalls.
- **Support is crucial.** Make sure any seat sufficiently cushions the child's head and prevents excessive head and neck movement in a crash.

Some perspective

"Also, you don't know if that seat has ever been in a collision, been mistreated, or if there's a recall on it. It's not worthwhile saving money when it's your child's safety at stake

Barbara Baines, Child Passenger Safety advocate for Britax
On the dangers of buying a second-hand car seat for a baby or child

in the developmental part," she says.

"Babies that are larger won't always have the muscle strength, even though they passed 22 pounds long ago. Walking unassisted indicates that they have the muscle development to hold their bodies and spines upright."

When a child moves from a front-facing seat to a booster seat, height should be the primary factor. The booster seat's sole purpose is to raise the child sufficiently so a seatbelt can be used.

The seatbelt must fit correctly over the hips and shoulder, and the child should be able to sit with his or her back against the seat, and with knees completely bent over the front of the seat

cushion.

Until this is possible, the child should remain in a seat with a five-point harness. All child seats should be replaced after their expiration date or if they've been in a crash, even if the seat was empty at the time. Baines cautions about buying used seats.

"It's illegal to sell second-hand seats unless they meet the Transport Canada safety standards as of January 2012," she says.

"Also, you don't know if that seat has ever been in a collision, been mistreated, or if there's a recall on it. It's not worthwhile saving money when it's your child's safety at stake."



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As far as bittersweet good-byes go, it's not one of the big ones. Not like when the McRib sandwich was dropped off the permanent menu at McDonald's.

But brace we must, for the coming demise of the front 'bench' seat.

The 2013 Chevrolet Impala is the last sedan standing in North America that can be equipped with a front bench. We got word last month that the all-new 2014 Chevrolet Impala being readied for sale sometime in 2013 will not be offered with a bench seat option. So when the 2014 Impala replaces the 2013 version, it's all over, for Chevrolet and for the North American industry.

Chevrolet has been a purveyor of bench-seat equipped



The 2013 Chevrolet Impala is the last in a long line of sedans to have front bench seats. The Cadillac ATS is among the first in line to offer a 'safety seat'. HANDOUT

cars since 1911, with the launch of its very first car — the Series C Classic Six.

You can still get front benches in pickups and some SUVs, but their time in passenger cars has clearly passed. GM noted that only about one in 10 Impalas are currently sold with the bench option.

Why did they fall out

of favour? Well, we could start with general discomfort, stemming from their too close association with the church pew, their total lack of lateral support during cornering and the lovely, non-verbal way they lately came to say "fleet car" and/or "I'm not trying anymore, bucket seats are just too cool for me."

But they definitely had their day in the sun. For decades, they were the go-to front seat — for value, for getting the most people in a car and for keeping things cozy between you and your sweetie. It will always be an endearing image — a gal sitting tight beside her guy behind the wheel, while the far right seat goes empty. It's

probably not a coincidence that the drive-in movie theatre and the front bench seat have simultaneously declined in popularity — they needed each other.

Time and seat progress marches on. Recently, I drove the new 2013 Cadillac ATS. A great car and one of the first to debut Cadillac's new "safety seat," which

GM bills as "the industry's first to use directional tactile sensation — vibration of the driver's seat bottom — to warn of crash threats while driving and parking." (The operative word is "directional." Back in 2005, Citroën introduced its "vibrating seat" alarm.)

The seat features two vibrating mechanisms. If the threat is on the left (drifting left, object left), the left motor generates a pulsing motion destined, presumably, for your left butt cheek. If the threat is on the right, your right butt cheek gets the message. Threats from the front or rear trigger pulses on both sides of the seat.

I purposely drifted the ATS over the centre line in the road to experience this butt warning. It felt good ... No, I mean it did its job — it's very effective at getting your attention. So we've moved from a seat that allowed one body to slide up nice and tight to another body, to one that sends mechanical vibrations to your butt. I guess it's progress.

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Look for an Accord Hybrid with heated leather seats, a navigation system, premium audio, remote entry, steering-wheel mounted audio controls and all of the other toys available in loaded-up Accord models.

Common issues

Check for a vibration or "tone" emitted from the Accord Hybrid's engine compartment, which is likely caused by a malfunction in the "Active Noise Cancellation" circuitry. When this system doesn't work properly, the sound is noticeable as cylinders are deactivated. If it's working, drivers shouldn't hear it.

Another possible issue may be related to the transmission. Some drivers report a clunking, surging or vibration apparent when shifting gears. If the Accord Hybrid you're considering doesn't feel like it's shifting properly, be double sure to have it checked out.



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Engine



By adding their Integrated Motor Assist (IMA) system to the Accord's V6 powerplant, output climbed from the standard 240 horsepower to 255.

What owners dislike



Complaints include seat comfort, some cheap interior trim pieces and lower-than-expected handling performance due to the Accord Hybrid's fuel-saving tires.

What owners like



Owners gravitated initially toward the model because of its promise of elevated performance and good real-world mileage. Honda's reliability and reputation for safety and a refined driving experience attracted shoppers, too.

Verdict

Shop carefully, test-drive thoroughly, and try to find a model that's familiar to the selling Honda dealer. A full checkup is mandatory, and an extended warranty that covers the hybrid drivetrain components isn't a bad idea either.



Accord's engine has 255 horsepower

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Aries

March 21 - April 20

You are rarely subtle in the way you say things and today you will speak your mind without fear or favour. Leave others in no doubt at all that you are not amused by what has been going on of late.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Not everyone can live up to your exacting standards, so make allowances for those whose efforts fall short of the mark. The quality you most need to develop is patience. It won't be easy but it can be done.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You need to slow down and take life at a more leisurely pace. The planets warn that mistakes will be made unless you think things through carefully over the next few days. Remember, your health always comes first.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You have much to look forward to over the next few weeks, so don't waste time or energy on things that no longer matter. Whatever yesterday's problems were, it's time to put them out of your mind forever.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Keep telling yourself that you are supposed to make mistakes and that it's not necessarily bad when things go wrong. The important thing now is that you learn from setbacks and make sure they don't happen again.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

What someone is saying about you is designed to make you feel bad about yourself, but you don't have to play their silly game. You know what you are capable of. You are perfect just the way you are.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Find ways to streamline your daily routine so you have more time for personal matters such as affairs of the heart. Most likely you are doing things for other people that they should be doing for themselves. Enough is enough.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Play by the rules and don't give your enemies an opportunity to catch you out. If you demand the highest standards of other people, they have the right to demand the highest standards of you.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Someone who has a lot of charm will make a big impression on you today but are they as nice as they look? If your sixth sense tells you to be on your guard, you would be wise to listen to it.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Forget about tomorrow and focus on what you are supposed to be doing right now. Take each day as it comes and tackle a single task at a time. One small task completed is better than ten big tasks left unfinished.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Stop worrying that the sky is about to fall and start doing the things that will make your existence more secure. For starters, you should be pushing ahead with a creative project. Time's running out.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

A loved one is in need of cheering up and you are the one who can help. Make it your business to put the smile back on their face and, in doing so, your own worries will fade away too. **SALLY BROMPTON**

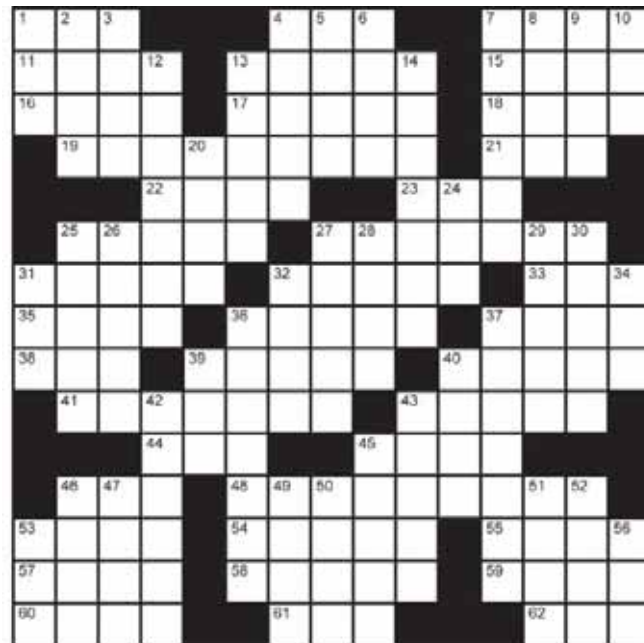
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Across

1. Parliamentarians
4. African antelope also known as a wildebeest
7. Not this
11. Comic Sandler
13. French coin replaced by the euro
15. Nevada's "The Biggest Little City in the World"
16. Crafty
17. Starbucks order
18. Sandwich cookie
19. Saskatchewan's largest city
21. Body part right above the neck
22. Benedict XVI or John Paul II
23. ___ la la
25. Egyptians and Iraqis
27. Home of the Argo-nauts
31. Wonderland girl
32. With ___ breath: anxiously
33. Basis for a Quaker cereal
35. Small inlet
36. Ancient Celtic priest
37. "Are not!" playground retort (2 wds.)
38. Before: poetic
39. Years 13 through 19
40. Peaks of perfection
41. See 24-Down
43. Bows one's head in church
44. Deity
45. Street
46. Windsor product
48. Wallpaper alternative
53. One of the Great Lakes
54. By oneself

Down

1. PC alternative
2. BlackBerrys and Palm Pilots
3. A long tale such as *Beowulf*
4. Prepare parmesan
5. Mutual defense org. to which Canada and the US belong
6. "Do ___ others as you would ..."
7. Like the famous wooden horse
8. Jealous wife of Zeus
9. All over again
10. Also
12. Facebook competitor
13. Airplane wing parts
14. Moved to the middle
20. Basketballer Bryant
24. With 41-Across, "Maggie May" or "Do Ya Think I'm Sexy?" singer
25. Then: Fr.
26. Blue jeans reinforcement
27. Tease
28. Lex's *Superman* sidekick
29. The Who's pinball wizard
30. Desert rest stops



31. Top card
32. Uncle Remus character ___ Rabbit or Bear
34. How-___: instruction manuals
36. Poker-faced
37. Early French Canadian
39. Deuce
40. Shrinking inland sea that forms part of the border between Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan
42. Entrance's opposite
43. North and South ___
45. Sign up for more magazine issues
46. They were among the original inhabitants of Ontario
47. Assistant
49. "Sad to say..."
50. Iditarod's Alaska terminus
51. Must-have item
52. Bull ring wound
53. Be on the wane
56. At present

Yesterday's Crossword



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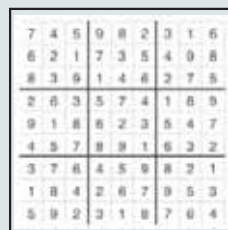


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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku



Weather

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MIN: 6°



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MIN: -8°



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